

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 26, 1974

10:00 o'clock a.m.

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The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was held on Tuesday, November 26, 1974, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, H. C. Luttrell, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT WERE:

H. C. LUTTRELL, Chairman
M. DUPUY, JR., Vice-Chairman
J. B. ANGELLE, Director
D. G. BERRY, Member
J. H. LAPEYRE, Member
D. F. WILLE, Member

A G E N D A

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

1. Proposed dredging of 35,000 cubic yards of fill material on right descending bank of Bayou Boeuf approximately 0.3 miles north of the S. P. Railroad Bridge at Amelia, St. Mary Parish, by PRESCOTT CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. (9)



2. Renewal of permit for ATLAS CONSTRUCTION CO., (11)
INC. to remove fill material from the
Mississippi River, left descending bank
between Mile 134.3 and Mile 136.0 in St.
John the Baptist Parish.
3. Renewal of permit for ATLAS CONSTRUCTION CO., (12)
INC. to remove fill material from the
Mississippi River in the vicinity of
CS 1941+00 to CS 1840+00.
4. Renewal of permit for T. L. JAMES & COMPANY, (13)
INC. to remove fill material from Profit
Island Chute on the Mississippi River in
the amount of approximately 300,000
cubic yards.
5. Request of TALLULAH PORT ELEVATOR to remove (15)
approximately 250,000 cubic yards of
fill material from the Mississippi River
to be deposited on batture lands owned
by the company located on the west bank
of the Mississippi River at Mile 457.3
HP at Omega or Buckhorn landing in
Madison Parish, Louisiana.
6. Discussion of shell-dredging areas in the (17;
83)



vicinity of Marsh Island.

7. Presentation of Resolution covering Public (26)
Law 88-309.

HARRY SCHAFER

8. Acceptance of contract of General Heating and (42)
Air Conditioning Company, Inc. for fur-
nishing and installing heating and air
conditioning for JOE ROBIN Quarter Barge.
9. Acceptance of contract of General Heating and (42)
Air Conditioning Company, Inc., for fur-
nishing and installing heating and air
conditioning in the New Orleans office.

RICHARD YANCEY

10. Application for mineral lease on Rockefeller (45)
Refuge.
11. Consider purchase of Davis Property, Concordia (47)
Parish, adjoining Three Rivers Wildlife
Management Area.
12. Louisiana Paving request for fill material (53)
for Highway 165.
13. Request from Louisiana Highway Department (55)
regarding acquisition of marsh lands
south of proposed I-410.



14. Discussion of Interior Department letter (63)
concerning Central Flyway request.

KENNETH SMITH

15. Consideration of five-acre lease on Lake (68)
Bistineau.

ALLAN ENSMINGER

16. Request from Phoenix Energy Company for (71)
right-of-way across portion of Salvador
Wildlife Management Area to install
three-inch gas line.

17. Revise hours for public use of Salvador and (74)
Point-au-Chien Wildlife Management Areas.

18. Discussion of request by Louisiana Power and (81)
Light Company for right-of-way across
Salvador Wildlife Management Area.

JOE HERRING

19. Lease for additional land on Union Parish (85)
Wildlife Management Area.

20. Request from Ashland Oil Company, Ferriday, (88)
Louisiana, for right-of-way easement on
Red River Wildlife Management Area.

21. Request from Avoyelles Parish Police Jury for (90)
pit run gravel for public roads on Spring



Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

22. Request for extension of timber cutting contract on Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. (94)
23. Request by Amoco Production Company for construction of a two-inch plastic low pressure gas line on Red River Wildlife Management Area. (96)
24. Acceptance of completed work by Hurricane Fence Company on Saline Wildlife Management Area. (99)
25. Request for extension of trapping season on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. (101)
26. Requests for hunting season changes. (106)
 - A. 13-day doe season for Bucks Hunting Club, Pointe Coupee Parish. (112)
 - B. 1-day doe season for Rocky Hunting Club, Iberville Parish. (113)
 - C. 5-day doe season, first five days of second segment (December 21-25) on lands east of the Mississippi River in Madison and Tensas Parishes. (113)
 - D. Cancel doe seasons in upper loop of Pointe Coupee Parish. (132)



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- E. Cancel doe seasons for Raccourci Island, (132)
West Feliciana Parish.
 - F. Cancel doe season in Winn Parish. (133)
 - G. Extend buck season seven days on Three (136)
Rivers Wildlife Management Area.
 - H. Extend buck season seven days on Red (136)
River Wildlife Management Area.
 - I. Extend buck season seven days on Concordia
Parish Wildlife Management Area. (136)

OTHER BUSINESS

- 27. Request from American Cannerys' Association to (33)
consider rescinding oyster size limits
after January 1, as per Act 616 of 1974.
- 28. Discussion of Act 415 (Special Session, (150)
October, 1974).
- 29. Discussion of air strip at Rockefeller Refuge (155)
- 30. Set date for December Commission meeting. (158)

(Reporter's note: The following items were added
to the agenda at the time of the meeting.)

- Approval of minutes of July meeting. (8)
- Determination of quorum. (33)
- Consideration of revision and upgrading of (77)
pipeline charges and regulations.



Turkey season for private clubs.

Amendment to requests for hunting season
changes.

(107;
127;
138)
(116;
121;
128)

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CHAIRMAN H. C. LUTTRELL: Ladies and gentlemen and Commission members, we are ready to start the consideration of the agenda for today, but before we do start, I want to welcome our visitors and tell them that we are glad to have them. If they have questions or wish to be heard, please indicate such and I will be happy to recognize you. If I happen not to look at you, just address me orally and I will make the recognition.

I have a few things I want to do before we get into the regular agenda. One of the things is to adopt the minutes of July. Do I have a motion?

MR. J. H. LAPEYRE: So move.

MR. MARC DUPUY, JR.: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

The minutes are adopted.

Now we will start with Dr. St. Amant and



Number One. We have such a long agenda today, we don't want to delete anything that is important whatsoever. You can have all the time you want provided you do it in a hurry. Go ahead, Doc.

DR. LYLE S. ST. AMANT: I get the message and I will try to make it brief and to the point.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, ladies and gentlemen, the first item on the agenda is a request by Prescott Construction Company to dredge for approximately 35,000 cubic yards of fill material on the right descending bank of Bayou Boeuf, and this is in order to maintain and repair some of their present docking facilities.

We have examined this. We find that it has no effect on our interests, and therefore I recommend that we grant the permit.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation, gentlemen. Is there any discussion?

MR. DOYLE BERRY: So move.

MR. DONALD WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Wille. Those in favor, say aye.



IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby grant permis-
sion to the PRESCOTT CONSTRUCTION
COMPANY, INC. to dredge approximately
35,000 cubic yards of fill material
from the right descending bank of
Bayou Boeuf approximately 0.3 miles
north of the S. P. Railroad Bridge at
Amelia, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana,
for a period of one year from Novem-
ber 26, 1974, at a royalty of five
cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: I might point out all
of these permits will be for one year at a five-
cent royalty, and in any event that the work is



completed before that time, the permit will terminate, so they will all be alike insofar as the character of the permit.

Item Number Two is a request for the renewal of a permit that has been held by Atlas Construction Company between Mile 134.3 and Mile 136 in the Mississippi River. This is a source of fill material, most of it for I-10 Highway, and it has been in operation. We find no problems with the permit. We recommend that it be renewed for one year.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Is there any discussion?

MR. LAPEYRE: I so move.

MR. BERRY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lapeyre has moved, Mr. Berry has seconded. Those in favor, please say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made



a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the ATLAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, left descending bank, between Mile 134.3 and Mile 136.0 AHP in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from November 26, 1974, at a royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: Number Three.

DR. ST. AMANT: The next item is a second request by the same company, Atlas Construction Company, to renew a permit that they hold at, I guess it is Check Station on the River 1941 to 1840. It is for the purpose of moving fill material. Generally for these contracts on highways, we find that the past permit has been no problem, and we recommend this one be renewed for one year.

THE CHAIRMAN: You hear the recommendation. Is there any discussion? If none, do I have



a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I will so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy,
seconded by Mr. Wille. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

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resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby grant permis-
sion to the ATLAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY,
INC. to remove fill material from the
Mississippi River in the vicinity of
CS 1941+00 to CS 1840+00, for a period
of one year from November 26, 1974, at
a royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The next one is a request
for renewal of a permit now held by T. L. James &



Company in the Profit Island Chute for dredging of 300,000 cubic yards of material. T. L. James has had a permit in this area. We have some other people dredging. They have not been a problem to our interests or to the River and therefore we recommend that this permit be renewed for a period of one year.

MR. BERRY: I move, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion, do I have a second?

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby grant permission



to T. L. JAMES & COMPANY, INC. to remove approximately 300,000 cubic yards of fill material from the Profit Island Chute on the Mississippi River, for a period of one year from November 26, 1974, at a royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: Item Number Five is a request of Tallulah Port Elevator Company to remove about 250,000 cubic yards of fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 457.3 in order to maintain the batture area around their elevator. At the present time the Madison Parish Port Commission is working in this area and this would be in addition to that work. This is a private permit, however. I recommend it be issued to the Tallulah Port Elevator Company for a period of one year or until this amount is dredged out before that time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion? You have heard the recommendation.

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. BERRY: Second.



THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

DIRECTOR J. B. ANGELLE: Dr. St. Amant, is any dredging going on now, dealing with the permit the Madison Parish Port Commission has?

DR. ST. AMANT: The Madison Parish Port Commission has a permit and they are dredging.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: They are dredging now?

DR. ST. AMANT: Now, and what has happened is next to it is a private concern, the Tallulah Elevator people, and they want to use the equipment while it is up there, and they are asking for a permit to operate.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries



Commission does hereby grant permission to TALLULAH PORT ELEVATOR to dredge approximately 250,000 cubic yards of fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 457.3 AHP at Omega or Buckhorn Landing, Madison Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from November 26, 1974, at a royalty of five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: Now, gentlemen, the first five items we have gone over are routine. The next I think may be of a little bit more interest to you and I would like to take a little more time with them.

If you will recall, last meeting there was considerable discussion before this Commission concerning shell dredging in and around Marsh Island, particularly in Vermilion Bay and in West Cote Blanche Bay by Olin Industries, who had requested a permit from the Corps of Engineers to continue dredging on the lease that they held with us and by Lake Charles Dredging & Towing and Radcliff Materials, which hold a joint lease with them.



We pointed out to you and to the public and to them that under Section 19 of our leases we thought we had absolute control of this area and that the interests of the fishing public and aquatic production could be adequately protected under our lease system.

In view of this, and since it became obvious that as long as we do have a heavy fishing pressure in the area and heavy recreational usage, these leases will not be dredged, and the companies decided on their own and voluntarily to give this stuff up. They have provided us with letters from each company in which they just state in fact that they are willing to remove these areas from the lease, and, therefore, there will be no question in the future about any dredging on them.

This one from Olin says: "In view of the fact that certain areas covered by our shell removal contract with the Department dated January 20, 1958 (renewed in May 1973) are heavily used for recreational and public fishing purposes, we have decided to eliminate these areas from our said contract. This is being done in



recognition of the fact that under Clause 19 in our contract our operations could be precluded because of public interest and production of oysters and fish in the areas.

"The two areas which we hereby release from our contract are those as described and shown on the attached map."

Essentially what they are, this large dry reef area from Cypremort Point over to Marsh Island, and the one that was seriously questioned by some of the fishing groups, Mound Point and Shell Keys. Now this represents more than 75 percent of the total lease that these people held, and it appears to me that they have indicated their good faith in trying to meet the environmental requirements in the area.

Now, companion leases in here, not involved in this at all, are held jointly by Radcliff Materials and Lake Charles Dredging & Towing Company. We discussed this matter with them and pointed out to them that there were certain areas within their lease, even though their lease is much larger, that they would probably not be



able to dredge under Section 19, and they have come forward and voluntarily asked to remove some areas from their lease.

The short letter is from Lake Charges Dredging and I will read it in lieu of the longer one from Radcliff. It says, "As agreed in our meeting of November 19, following is a description of the areas we understand will be excluded from our joint lease held by Lake Charles Dredging & Towing and Radcliff Materials with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission:

"(1) A distance of one mile from the shoreline of Marsh Island as determined from Coast and Geodetic Survey Charts No. 1276 and 11349."

What we have done here, they are removing one mile from the shore of Marsh Island around the eastern end and off the front shore of it, in order to be absolutely certain it will be protected from any erosion. This does not include the western end of the Island, because it is in another lease and was not under consideration here.



"(2) The 'Sally Shoals' reef
between Marsh Island and
Cypremort Point, as shown on
Coast and Geodetic Survey
Chart No. 11349."

Now this is a small area of exposed reef
where there is some fishing. It is not very big,
but they have agreed to remove it.

We have a similar letter from Radcliff
Materials, removing the same areas, one mile around
Marsh Island and Sally Shoals.

I think that in view of this action the
areas under question by the various recreational
interests in the New Iberia area should have been
taken care of. We hope so, anyway.

I understand that Mr. Lennox, who is
with Radcliff Materials, would also like to make a
statement at this time. I would like for him to
make his statement, and then after that we would
like for the Commission to consider accepting these
letters and preparing a resolution directing that
we modify the leases according to these requests,
and that these modifications be submitted to the



companies for their ratification.

THE CHAIRMAN: Doc, if I may, before I recognize the gentleman here, I would like to suggest that a letter be sent to those people that were here at the last meeting, representing the New Iberia Rod and Gun Club, informing them of the action that we have taken today, so that they will be knowledgeable of what has happened and perhaps appreciative of it.

DR. ST. AMANT: All right, O. K.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., we will recognize Mr. Lennox.

MR. EDWARD N. LENNOX: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, I have only one thing to add. As you recall, when the Iberia Rod and Gun Club group and the mayor of New Iberia appeared here last month, I mentioned to you publicly that this agreement was pending and had been delayed only because of the illness of Mrs. St. Amant and Mrs. Angelle. Now that agreement has been perfected and it is before you for approval now.

One observation I would like to make. When these folks were here to make their presenta-



tion to you last month, quite a bit was said about the demise of Rabbit Island, not knowing what caused that, and the inference was made by these people that Rabbit Island had been dredged away by shell dredging interests. I undertook to investigate just how that came about. I found out that we didn't do it. Our lease was first acquired by us in November of 1960, and Rabbit Island apparently disappeared some time prior to that. I checked with the other people in the business out there and found out they were not involved in the demise of Rabbit Island, so it created somewhat of a mystery.

So, I went on further and found out that you can blame the United States Navy for that, that during the Korean conflict they used Rabbit Island as a target ground, and they blew Rabbit Island out of existence, and the shell dredging industry didn't have anything to do with it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Lennox. We are glad to get that information. That helps considerably.

DR. ST. AMANT: Now, if you will take



the necessary action on this, I think that would be appropriate.

MR. BERRY: I make a motion we adopt your resolution, that we amend the contract, as Dr. St. Amant has just suggested.

MR. DUPUY: I was just going to suggest that we do it by formal release with a specific description of the areas being released from the effects of the contract.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. DUPUY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any further discussion? This is quite important. It has been moved by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Dupuy that Dr. St. Amant's recommendation be carried out. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made



a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, parts or all of West Cote Blanche Bay and the Gulf of Mexico southeasterly of the shore of Marsh Island are presently under lease for shell dredging to the Olin Corporation in one area, and jointly to the Lake Charles Dredging and Towing Company, Inc. and Radcliff Materials, Inc. in another area; and

WHEREAS, certain areas within the leases held by these companies contain exposed reef important to aquatic life, recreational fishing and the integrity of the Louisiana boundary; and

WHEREAS, in the public interest, Olin Corporation, Lake Charles Dredging and Towing Company, Inc., and Radcliff Materials, Inc. have voluntarily requested of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission the removal from their leases of those areas important to the general public and to the State of Louisiana; and



WHEREAS, these requests have been transmitted to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission by official letters of request;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that: (1) Certain portions of the shell leases held by the Olin Corporation, Lake Charles Dredging and Towing Company, Inc., and Radcliff Materials, Inc. be removed from their leases as described in their letters proposing this action; and (2) a document be drawn up for ratification by the lessees and the document be attached to the present leases in order to finalize this action.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final item I have to present is one I think could be of considerable importance to this Commission, and I hope that this item will in some way attempt to alleviate this problem that seems to be developing. As most of you probably know, the money situation, not only at the state but at the national level, is quite



serious, along with the inflation problem, and the President has attempted to remove some five billion dollars from the federal budget.

Now he directed various agencies to cut their budgets, and he so directed the Department of Commerce and the National Marine Fisheries people. They proceeded to cut, but I don't think they cut in an equal manner. They got into our monies on this 88-309 funding, which is a state granting type thing for marine research, and also on Public Law 92-590, which is the anadramous fish bill, and they removed \$600,000 or more from a budget of about \$3.2 million, so you are looking at about a twenty percent cut in the funding.

We feel that while probably some cut was necessary in view of the economic situation in the country, we don't think this was an equitable cut and we do feel that the Marine Fisheries Research Program under 88-309 and 92-590 has been one of the stronger elements of the National Marine Fisheries program. We would think that good management would dictate that these would be kept at all costs.

Now what has happened, the various states



around the Gulf coast and on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts have attempted to band together to restore this money or some portion of it. One of the things we would like to do is have you ratify a resolution that we send to the Congressional delegation and to Mr. Dent, Secretary of Commerce, and so forth.

If you will bear with me, I would like to read it. Maybe we can get through with it in about two minutes. It says:

"WHEREAS, the enactment of Public Law 88-309 and extended by Public Law 95-590, more popularly known as the 'Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act of 1964,' opened a new era in State-Federal cooperation in commercial fisheries research and development, and

"WHEREAS, the Secretary of Commerce was authorized to cooperate with the 50 States, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the governments of the Virgin Islands, Guam, and



American Samoa in carrying out research and development of the Nation's commercial fisheries, and

"WHEREAS, the enactment of Public Law 89-304, 'The Anadramous Fish Act of 1965,' authorized the Secretary of Commerce to enter into cooperative agreements with States and other non-Federal interests for the conservation, development and enhancement of anadramous fishery resources of the Nation and the fish in the Great Lakes that ascend streams to spawn and for the control of the sea lamprey in the Great Lakes, and

"WHEREAS, the passage of this important fisheries legislation has enabled Louisiana and other states to increase its scientific research efforts throughout the coastal zone on important renewable fisheries resources and to establish guidelines to best manage these resources, and



"WHEREAS, the commercial fisheries and anadramous studies conducted by the States under these two programs have aided considerably in providing the knowledge required for the continued maintenance, development, management and wise utilization of the renewable multi-billion dollar fisheries industry of this Nation, and

"WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service, plans a cut in funding of the 'Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act' and the 'Anadramous Fish Act,' at a time when the demand for fishery products in this country is well beyond our present production, and at a time when it is imperative to provide maximum funding for these functional State-Federal programs that are helping to provide information for the best management guidelines for



continued and possible enhancement of these renewable resources,

"THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is vehemently opposed to any cut in expenditures for these two programs that have provided so much towards our understanding of the complex estuarine and marine environment and its inhabitants;

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Louisiana Congressional delegation, to Mr. Frederick B. Dent, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Commerce, Mr. Robert M. White, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Mr. Robert W. Schoning, Director of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Mr. William Stevenson, Regional Director of the Southeast Region of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Mr. Joe Colson, Executive Director of the Gulf States



Marine Fisheries Commission, Mr. Irwin Alperin, Executive Director of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and Dr. John Harville, Executive Director of the Pacific Marine Fisheries Commission."

We are asking, if you would like to accept and present this resolution, that Mr. Angelle and the Members of the Commission sign it and we will transmit it.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. BERRY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Berry.

MR. BERRY: I would like to make a statement and say this. Dr. St. Amant, it is a noble effort on your part to do this but I don't think it will do any good. I think Dr. Kissinger has already given all the money away; I don't think there is any left for us up there.

DR. ST. AMANT: I think we might argue



that if they are going to cut, they should cut on an equitable basis. I don't think we ought to take a 20 percent rap when in order it was a five percent cut across the board. I think what they did, they docked us twenty so they wouldn't have to cut themselves, and I would like to try to see if we can't correct this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion? We are ready for the vote. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

Now, for the benefit of the press and the public that is here, we do have a quorum. Mr. Jones and Mr. Thompson are out of state and could not be present. We do have a five-member quorum and a full quorum for all votes on these resolutions.

O. K. I will call on Mr. Buquet. You have something to bring before the Commission, I believe.



MR. A. J. BUQUET: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Commission. Gentlemen, we have had for a number of years a problem in the oyster industry concerning the three-inch oyster law. Therefore, if you will permit me to, I have a letter prepared here from the American Shrimp Cannery Association, which I would like to read to you, and in turn answer any questions if possible, or open it for discussion.

Therefore, I will begin. (Reading)

"Gentlemen: The membership of the American Shrimp Cannery Association consists of the shrimp and oyster cannery of the Gulf area. As President of this Association, on behalf of its Board of Directors, I am herewith submitting for the Commission's consideration the following appeal.

"There presently is a regulation which regulates the size of the oysters for harvesting from natural reefs to a minimum size of three inches. Act 616 of the regular session



of 1974 now gives the Commission the right to set harvesting size limits on any or all of the natural resources of the State during the period January 1 through May 20.

"Since the three-inch size limitation is detrimental to the oyster canning industry of the State, we are appealing to you for relief from this size regulation. Our appeal to you for relief from the provisions of this regulation is based upon practical consideration. Not all oysters are of the same or uniform size, and the three-inch limitation means that excessive culling must be accomplished, which only involves extra expense which ultimately will have to be borne by the consumer.

"Utilization of the oysters for canning is a high volume operation which not only could but would be brought to a halt by a strict enforcement of this



regulation. A further consideration is the fact that there is no assurance that the natural reef would survive from one year to another for the danger from predators such as snails is a real and constant threat to the survival of the oysters.

"We are quite confident that those responsible for this regulation were not and did not intend to eliminate the canning industry, yet for practical purposes the three-inch size limitation does have the potential to accomplish the end of canning by (1) limiting production and (2) by making such production as is possible so costly that our Louisiana canneries will not be able to effectively compete in the marketplace.

"We are already hard pressed by the flood of imported canned oysters now readily available not only here in Louisiana but also throughout the nation. For the State of Louisiana to take action



to virtually eliminate a local industry to the benefit of the Japanese and Koreans is difficult to believe, yet it is the situation we face.

"On behalf of the oyster canning members of this Association, we appeal to you to take action to provide relief to the canning industry from the three-inch oyster size regulation during the period January 1 through May 20.

"It is no secret that the commercial fishermen of this state are in dire straits as a result of a poor shrimp crop. Many of these fishermen could and do augment their income by harvesting oysters during the period from January through mid-May. They deserve better than action by the State which would cut off this source of income.

"In behalf of the oyster canning industry, we appeal for a



moratorium on the size limit for oysters for canning during the period January 1 through May 20, 1975, to assure survival of our industry under the presently existing critical conditions.

"Signed by myself,

"American Shrimp Cannery Association."

Mr. Chairman, I would like to submit this letter for your files.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Buquet.

Dr. St. Amant, this is in your field. Would you follow, please?

DR. ST. AMANT: I would like to make a couple of comments. One problem that Mr. Buquet has brought to your attention is factual. We have had a considerable amount of production of oysters from the high river and flooding that took place last year in areas that we haven't had any production for the last twenty years.

It is also obvious that this crop of oysters needs to be harvested, because if we fail to do so, as soon as the water becomes salty again, they will be lost to drills and disease, so the



request is not at all unreasonable.

The question about sizes for oysters is one that has long existed in the industry, and it is a difference of interest and opinion, economically and otherwise, between the canning members of the industry and the sack members. It has been a difficult thing to attempt to enforce at certain times.

The new law, Act 616, does now give the Commission the right to address the question in some manner that we can alleviate the problem. It states that between the dates of January 1 and May 20 of each year, for the purpose of harvesting oysters, the Commission has the right of doing two things: one, closing any portion or all of the natural oyster reefs in the state in order to protect or better manage the system, and of setting harvesting size limits on any portion or all of the natural oyster reefs as conditions warrant, which simply means if we decide the oysters are valuable enough or if we can make an economic profit by harvesting them at a smaller size, we are free to do so.



But, it does say that the Commission shall do two or three things to meet the law. It has to notify the oyster industry of its determination by filing the information in the office of the Commissioner and by notice once weekly for two-week period before implementation in the newspapers of general circulation in the coastal zone. So, in order for us to entertain Mr. Buquet's request, we would have to take this under advisement. We would have to advertise in the papers at least for two weeks stating that it would be considered by this Commission, and we would have to develop what information we could and ask the industry to come forth and be heard.

I suggest that we do this during the interim between this meeting and the December meeting, at which time action could be taken by the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the suggestion of Dr. St. Amant. Gentlemen, what is your pleasure?

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, in view of the fact that there was not a public notice of this



particular matter coming before the Commission on the published agenda, and lacking the public notice, I think we had better proceed with the advertisement and consideration at the next meeting. That would be my recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: And bring the results back to us in the December meeting. Now, do you put that in the form of a motion?

MR. DUPUY: Take the steps that Dr. St. Amant suggested.

DR. ST. AMANT: I think if you will direct us to do it, we will carry on.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Buquet. Thank you very much.

MR. BUQUET: Thank you for your time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Harry, Number Eight, please. Harry, excuse me just a minute. I have something that I think would facilitate this and for the benefit of the press, I wish to state now that the public meeting, public hearing, dealing with Mr. Buquet's request will be held at our December 17 public meeting. Of course, all interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.



Doc, did you get that? You got the date and the meeting for it?

DR. ST. AMANT: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you for being patient with us, Harry, and we are now ready for you to take Number Eight.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman, the two items I have could be taken up together. They are both the same contractor and for the same item. We had two contracts with the General Heating and Air Conditioning Company to furnish and install air conditioning and heating in our New Orleans Oyster Division Office and in the quarter barge, the JOE ROBIN. This work has been completed satisfactorily to the specifications and I would recommend that you authorize the Director to sign any papers so that this contractor can be paid for these two jobs.

MR. BERRY: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. I have a motion by Mr. Berry.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Lapeyre.



Is there any discussion? Hearing none, so ordered

(The full text of the
resolutions is here made
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission did enter
into a contract with General Heating
and Air Conditioning Co., of New Orleans,
Louisiana, for the installation of a unit
to be used in the New Orleans office of
the Division of Oysters, Water Bottoms
and Seafoods and the Refuge Division,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisher-
ies Commission does hereby accept the
installation of said unit as completed
in accordance with the plans and spec-
ifications outlined in the contract
between the Commission and General
Heating and Air Conditioning Co., Inc.
of New Orleans, Louisiana; therefore, final
payment is hereby approved for completion
of said contract.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did enter into a contract with General Heating and Air Conditioning Co., of New Orleans, Louisiana, for the installation of a unit to be used in the Quarter Barge JOE ROBIN, of the Survey Section of the Division of Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby accept the job as completed and approve final payment for the installation of a unit used in the Quarter Barge JOE ROBIN of the Survey Section of the Division of Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafoods in accordance with plans and specifications stipulated in the contract.



BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, the State Mineral Board has been requested to advertise for bids a 571-acre tract of marshland in the middle of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. We would like to recommend that the Commission authorize them to proceed with this advertisement, using the same rules and regulations that the Commission worked out with the Mineral Board about two months ago, realizing that any revenue from this leasing would go into the maintenance of the refuge program there, the development of the levees and the water control structures and continued financing of the research program.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation of Mr. Yancey. Do I have a motion?

MR. LAPEYRE: I so move it.

MR. DUPUY: Second.



THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the State Mineral Board has been petitioned to advertise unleased acreage on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge for mineral leasing, and

WHEREAS, this property can be developed for mineral production under rules and regulations which will be made part of the lease to protect the wildlife interest,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby concur with the State Mineral Board to lease



a tract of land located in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and that rules and regulations to protect the area be incorporated and made a part of the mineral lease.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

MR. YANCEY: Several weeks ago it was brought to the attention of the Commission that the Glendale Plantation in lower Concordia Parish, known as the Davis property -- it is owned by Mrs. Gladys Hines, Mrs. F. D. Field, and Mrs. H. M. Davis -- was available for purchase, and it was decided by the Commission that we would proceed with an appraisal of that property, particularly since it lies adjoining to the Commission-owned Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, and attempt to work out a possible purchase of that tract.

It is a bottomland hardwood area. It fronts on the Mississippi River and it is occupied by an abundant population of forest wildlife. The



appraisal has been completed by Mr. James McNew of Ferriday, in accordance with the same appraisal procedure that we have used in past acquisitions. He states that the land would have excellent potential for agricultural use and would be valued at about \$155 per acre if it could be converted from woodlands to this type of use.

However, there are three outstanding leases on the property, which would preclude this from being done. Consequently, this would pull the value of the land down from the income approach to about \$80 an acre. Now, one of these leases is a grazing lease that will expire in the fall of '75. It is held by Mr. Dale Rogers. The second lease is a hunting lease that will expire in December of '78. It is held by Mr. Ben Holt of Alexandria. The third lease is a timber lease, held by Mr. Raoul Martin, that runs until 1986 and would permit him to remove at any time any trees above 12 inches in diameter except the sweet pecan. There is no provision for him to take any sweet pecan. This is one of the principal wild-life food plants on the area.



This more or less brings us up to date at this time. We think the property can be bought for \$155 an acre, and we would like to have the Commission express its views as to whether it would wish to authorize the Director to proceed with the acquisition of these lands, realizing that this would have to be approved by the Division of Administration. Any possible buy-and-sell agreement that we would work out. But we all know that the bottomland hardwoods of eastern Louisiana are being cleared up at a fantastic rate and opportunities to buy woodlands are becoming few and far between and the timber lease that Raoul Martin has would not preclude the area from continuing to produce abundant forms of forest wildlife.

We think that in view of all of these facts that it would probably be desirable if we would try to work out a purchase of that property, if the necessary approval can be obtained in Baton Rouge. We do have an appropriation from the legislature for land acquisition this year. The area does join the existing Three Rivers Game Management Area and it has Highway 15, a state blacktop highway.



running through it, and it fronts on the Mississippi River. We need an expression from the Commission whether it would wish to authorize the Director to proceed with the purchase of this property.

MR. WILLE: Dick, I think in lieu of the fact that we are going to be running into this, and I think we discussed this yesterday at length, we will be running into this particular type problem from now on, that you should go ahead and try to acquire the land. I will put that in the form of a motion, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Before we consider that motion, I would like to further discuss this tract of land. I know each foot of that tract of land and have used it for hunting places for many years in the past, and I wish to say this, it adjoining our wildlife management area there now will enhance the value of the present wildlife management area and I wish to state to you this, that that piece of property will not be there, because it is well worth more than that for farmland and can be every inch put in farmland. That piece of property will not be there if we don't get it now.



I strongly urge that this Commission go on record as directing or requesting our Director to proceed with the purchase of this land with Mr. Yancey. Now I am ready for the motion if there is no other discussion. Do we have any other discussion?

MR. YANCEY: I would agree with you 100 percent. If the Commission doesn't acquire that land, it is going into agricultural purposes eventually. The only thing that worries me a little bit about it is the hunting lease, which runs into '78. This would preclude the Commission allowing hunting on that property on the part of the general public for the next two or three years, but from the long range standpoint, those leases are going to expire. Then, there is also the possibility we could work out some --

MR. WILLE: I think the hunting lease can be negotiated.

MR. YANCEY: -- way to negotiate the hunting lease out of existence and allow us to go ahead and permit public use next fall, but this would remain to be seen. We would have to talk



to the holder of the present hunting lease to see if something could be worked out.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, this is how I see that hunting lease. At the worst, the public would be denied hunting privileges for two or three years. If we don't buy it, the public is denied hunting privileges on that piece of property forever.

MR. YANCEY: That's right.

THE CHAIRMAN: So, it is a matter of weighing the value of not using the property for two or three years and then using it for the balance of the time for the benefit of the people or of just giving it up.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to second Mr. Wille's motion. We are all for this. Let's don't beat this dog to death.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion from Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered. No. 12.



LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

R E S O L U T I O N

At the regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, held November 26, 1974, Room 102, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, with a quorum present, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is greatly interested in establishing additional wildlife management areas in Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the Commission initiated a program of land purchase in 1961 to accomplish this purpose and to preserve at least a portion of the State's largely disappearing game ranges in various regions of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, a certain tract of land hereinafter particularly described in Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof, consisting of a total of 1,500 acres "more or less", located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, has been offered for sale to the Commission for the full and true sum of \$232,500.00; and,

WHEREAS, this tract, if acquired, will make an excellent wildlife management area for waterfowl, furbearing animals, deer, alligators, rabbits and other forms of marsh life; and also will provide additional public hunting and fishing opportunities for sportsmen throughout the State of Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, the acquisition of this property has been carefully considered by the Chairman, the Director, and all members of this Commission, after which consideration, it is the conclusion of all members and the Director that the acquisition thereof will be most favorable and advantageous to the future welfare of the fish and wildlife as a wildlife management area and that the acquisition thereof would also be mutually beneficial to the State of Louisiana, this Commission, and the citizens and residents of the State; now,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchase from GLADYS ROUGON DAVIS HINES, HAZEL DAVIS and FERN DAVIS FIELD, the following immovable property located in Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana, totalling 1,500 acres "more or less", described in Exhibit A annexed hereto and made a part hereof.

The said sale is to be subject to the following conditions and stipulations:

1. The purchase price of this sale by Seller to Buyer, its successors and assigns, for the hereinabove described property - Exhibit A - shall be in the sum of TWO HUNDRED THIRTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED AND NO/100 (\$232,500.00) DOLLARS, payable in cash at the time of the act of sale.
2. Real estate taxes for the year 1974 will be pro-rated to the date of the act of sale. All proper and necessary mortgage and other certificates and tax researches are to be paid by Seller.
3. The Seller shall deliver to Buyer good and merchantable title to the property. The decision as to whether Seller's title to the property is good and merchantable shall rest solely with Buyer based upon title opinions rendered to Buyer by attorneys of its selection. In

lieu of title opinions rendered to the Buyer by attorneys of its selection, Buyer reserves the right to obtain title insurance on the said property from a title insurance company authorized to do and doing business in the State of Louisiana. Seller agrees to assist Buyer, its attorneys, or the title insurance company in securing any curative matter which Seller may be able to obtain in order to satisfy any requirements of any title opinion or interim title insurance binder rendered to Buyer. All curative matter thus obtained shall be the property of Buyer which is hereby authorized after passage of the act of sale to file same for record. Final approval of title shall be at the sole discretion of Buyer, its attorneys, and the title insurance company selected by Buyer, and Buyer shall have the right to waive and forego satisfaction of any requirements of any title opinion rendered by its attorneys or title insurance binder hereunder.

4. The act of sale is to be passed before Buyer's notary at the State Capitol, Baton Rouge, Louisiana or such other location as designated by Buyer within the territorial limits of the State of Louisiana 120 days from the date of this agreement, provided that if bona fide curative work in connection with the title is required, the parties agree to and do extend the time for passage of the act of sale by an additional thirty (30) days. The sale shall be with full warranty and full rights of subrogation and substitution and shall be in a form acceptable to Seller and Buyer. The property shall be delivered free and clear of all liens, encumbrances, taxes (except taxes for the year in which the act of sale is passed), leases and mortgages (except the encumbrances accepted and agreed to by Buyer).
5. Seller expressly reserves unto himself, his heirs and assigns in perpetuity an imprescriptible mineral servitude covering and affecting all minerals in and under the lands conveyed of every nature and kind whatsoever (to be exercised subject to reasonable regulations by Buyer in respect to the use of the surface), which reservation is made to the full extent permitted under the provisions of LSA-R.S. 9:5806, which are acknowledged by the parties to be applicable. It is understood that specifically excluded from the mineral reservation described herein are the natural resources of sand and gravel.
6. In the event Seller fails to comply with this agreement within the time specified, Buyer may, at its option, either declare this agreement null and void or demand specific performance.
7. In the event Buyer fails to comply with this agreement within the time specified, Seller, without formality beyond tender of title to Buyer may declare this agreement null and void, or Seller may, at his option, demand specific performance.
8. Occupancy shall be available at the time of the act of sale.

9. This agreement and the sale contemplated hereby is subject to and conditioned upon the approval of the Division of Administration, State of Louisiana.
10. The notices, payments and other matters required hereunto shall be delivered or addressed to Gladys Rougon Davis Hines, Lakeland Plantation, Lakeland, Louisiana, Miss Hazel Davis, 209 Kenwood Avenue, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
11. This agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns. Where the terms "Seller" and "Buyer" are used herein, this shall be deemed to include their respective heirs, successors, executors, administrators and assigns of such parties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Director of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be, and they are hereby appointed, authorized and empowered to act for and on behalf and in the name of this commission to purchase the aforementioned lands, buildings and improvements and appurtenances thereon, to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents in connection therewith, to pay the purchase price thereof and all pertinent and necessary and usual expenses to purchaser which said deeds and documents may contain, and to incorporate and include in the said documents and all additional stipulations, conditions and provisions as they, in their sole discretion, deem to be to the best interest of the commission.

C E R T I F I C A T E

I, J. BURTON ANGELLE, Director and Secretary of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Commission at the regular monthly meeting thereof held on November 26, 1974, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, which resolution has not in anywise been revoked, amended, or rescinded.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of the commission this ____ day
of _____, 1975.


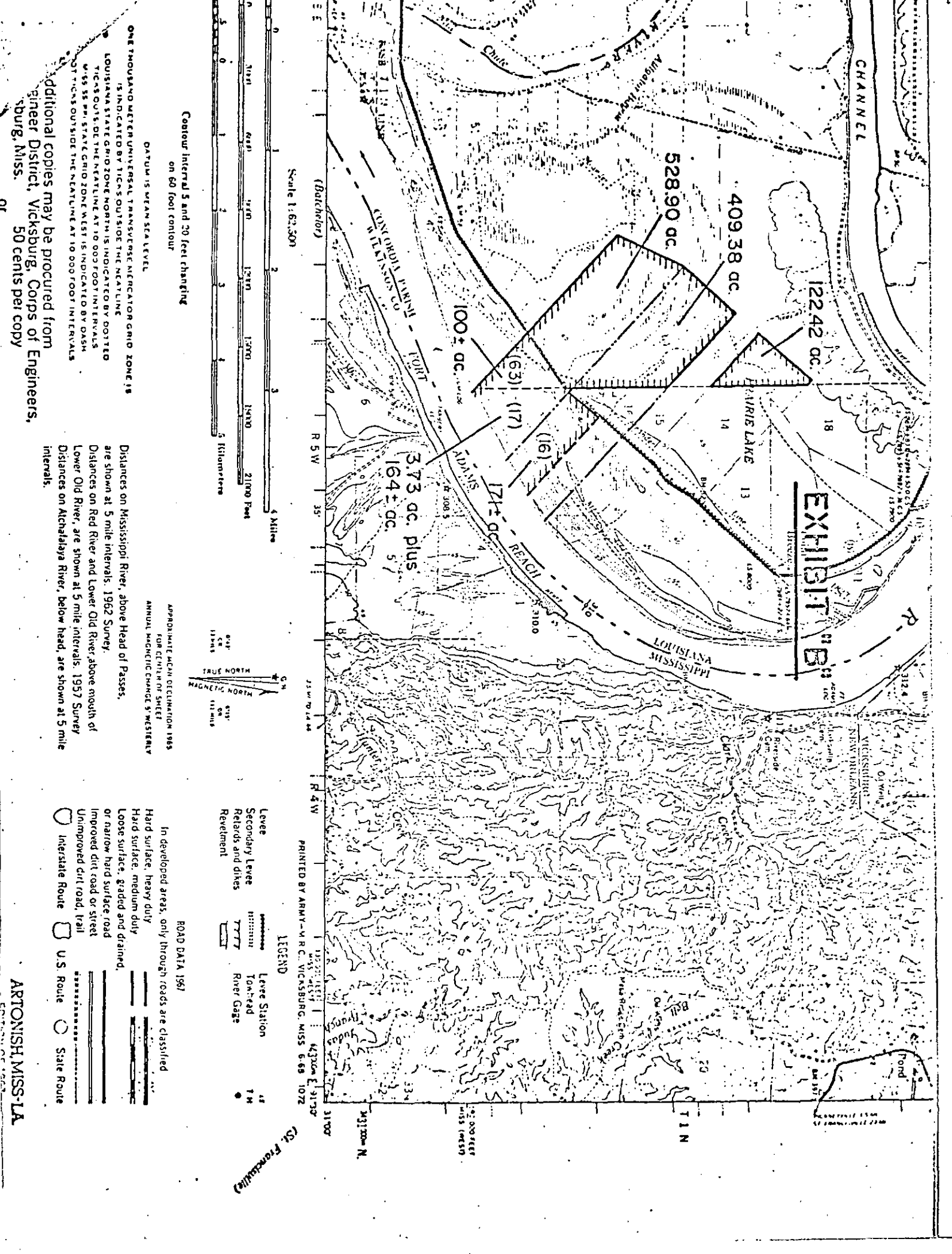

J. BURTON ANGELLE
Director and Secretary
Louisiana Wild Life & Fisheries Commission

EXHIBIT "A"

Acreage within the Glendale Plantation (J. M. Davis property) located in Ward 1, Concordia Parish, State of Louisiana being more definitely described as:

SECTION	DESCRIPTION	ACREAGE
Township 1 North, Range 8 East		
63	All original section; plus its accreted properties and batture containing approx.	528.90 100.00
64	All.	409.38
65	All.	122.42
Township 1 North, Range 9 East		
16	Only that portion located in accreted properties and batture south and east of Louisiana Highway 15 (being the crown of West Mississippi River Levee) lying between lines parallel to projected original section lines in southwest portion of the section comprising approx.	171.00
17	All original section; plus its accreted properties and batture containing approx.	3.73 164.00
Total		approx. 1,499.43

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Distances on Red River and Lower Old River above mouth of Lower Old River, are shown at 5 mile intervals, 1957 Survey
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MR. YANCEY: Louisiana Paving Company has a contract work to do highway work on Highway 165 that runs north out of Monroe up to Bastrop and they are requesting approximately 160,000 cubic yards of fill material from Commission-owned property that lies along the highway right-of-way, and they are offering to pay 15 cents per cubic yard that they would remove from a surface area of approximately 10 surface acres. This would be excavated to a depth of about ten feet.

This particular bar pit area, if constructed, of course, would offer sport fishing possibilities in an area where there are no possibilities available at this time. We would recommend that the Director be authorized to go ahead and negotiate an agreement with Louisiana Paving in connection with removal of that fill material with the understanding that they would, rather than pay us cash for the fill material, do an amount of work equal to the sum on the existing Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. We have done this in the past when they brought Interstate 20 through the game management area. The contractor



that got fill material from that area rebuilt some of our roads and constructed some new roads up there, and it worked out very nicely. We would propose the same type arrangement here. Louisiana Paving Company recommends this in this letter.

What we would need is an expression from the Commission and, if possible, authorize the Director to proceed with the negotiation of an agreement with the company for the removal of the fill material and in exchange for that they would do work on the Russell Sage Game Management Area on our existing roads.

MR. WILLE: Question. You did call the Highway Department and 15 cents --

MR. YANCEY: Cliff Williams checked with the Highway Department and he was advised that 15 cents per cubic yard is the going rate for fill material in that area, and certainly we would want to verify that again before proceeding with the execution of an agreement.

MR. WILLE: Fine.

MR. YANCEY: Once it is ready for execution, we would bring it back to the Commission,



perhaps at our next meeting.

MR. BERRY: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered. No. 13, Dick.

MR. YANCEY: Last Thursday we had a meeting in the Highway Department Building in Baton Rouge with representatives from the Highway Department and the Coastal Studies Institute. Dr. Gagliano was there and the discussion had to do with the I-410 Highway that is proposed for construction south of New Orleans and also the possible acquisition of marshlands south of the proposed highway that lie north of Lake Cataouatche.

They were inquiring if it would be possible for the Commission to acquire this particular tract of marshland (indicating). Now the black line running across this map -- this is Dr.



Gagliano's map here -- is the proposed route of I-410. The green shaded area is the tract of marshland that the Highway Department is requesting that the Commission look into the possibility of buying. Now this request is based on the fact that major objections to routing the highway through this area have been raised because of the fact that the people feel that this particular marshland area will be developed and put into residential or commercial use, in the event that the highway is put through there.

There are certain feelings, of course, that that marshland area is going to be developed, whether the highway goes through or not. You can notice these red shaded lines on the map that indicate the location of levees that have been recently constructed and pumping plants which tend to substantiate that argument that that marshland is going to be developed whether the highway goes through or not.

The only way to maintain the wild character of this land and perhaps put it into permanent public use would be for the state to



acquire it and make it a part of the existing Salvador Wildlife Management Area. Then this would do two things. It would mean that an additional acreage of marshland would be available for public use and, secondly, that the wilderness character of the land would be preserved in more or less perpetuity.

We know that the Salvador Wildlife Management Area and the Pearl River Wildlife Management Area that the Commission has acquired through purchase, the public use of these two areas is tremendous because they are located in immediate proximity to New Orleans. Additional lands for outdoor recreational purposes would be desirable in this area. There is no question about it.

The Highway Department is requesting that the Commission check into the possibility of acquiring this land so that its preservation would be guaranteed, and make it a part of the Salvador Wildlife Management Area.

Now we have with us Mr. Hunter White and Mr. Jack White who own the marshlands in the western portion of this green shaded area, and both of



these gentlemen you all know have been very interested in conservation in Louisiana for many years. They have contributed materially to the Ducks Unlimited program here, which means money has gone to Canada for wildlife work. They are interested in marshlands and wildlife and conservation and they called this morning and indicated that they would be willing to sell. Certainly they would want a fair market value for the land, which would have to be determined through an appraisal, but there is an indication that at least some of this land would be available for purchase, and if either one of these two gentlemen would care to say anything at this time, we would be glad to hear from then.

I talked this over with Dick Stanek and Edgar Veillon, representing the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, and I believe that they would agree that it would be desirable to enlarge Salvador Wildlife Management Area, if possible through such an acquisition. Certainly it would mean that a major appropriation of money would have to be made by the legislature to provide the necessary funds



to acquire that particular piece of real estate. It would also probably mean, as mentioned in Mr. Taylor's letter, that one of the federal agencies would have to put up some matching funds in order to build up the necessary amount of money to acquire that piece of property. The value of that total piece of property would probably be about the same as it would cost to build one or two of those interchanges on the highway.

This is about what we have on it at this time. We need to answer Mr. Taylor's letter as to whether or not we will look into the possibility of purchasing that tract of land, determine its availability, and we have pointed out that the Commission in the past has bought only from willing sellers and has never paid over the fair market value for a piece of property and only bought land when the necessary funds are made available by the legislature.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chairman, I move that we should look into this.

THE CHAIRMAN: If you would hold that just a minute. Dick, if these two gentlemen -- I



can't see them behind this post -- would care to be heard, the Chair would recognize them at this time, and then we will take the motion.

MR. HUNTER WHITE: I am Hunter White and my brother Jack is in back, and we represent two of the five owners of this property. I might point out that the property we are talking about is shown as 1,900 acres, but our group owns approximately 1,800 acres, with three miles of frontage on Bayou Verret and a mile of frontage on Lake Salvador, and is really the key piece of property on the western side of this situation.

Really, other than what Dick has said here this morning, I don't think there is much I could add at this point, but I have been in touch with W. T. Taylor with the Highway Department and he has advised me -- of course, highway funds would not be available -- that this would be strictly up to anything that the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission might want to pursue in the way of further discussion and looking into the matter.

All I can tell you is we stand ready to talk with you and pursue this matter if you would



like to from our ownership group.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. White. I want to assure you that we are very happy to have you here and it is quite encouraging to find people who are willing to discuss acquisition of property of this value with the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Now, I have a motion.

MR. BERRY: Mr. White, may I ask you a question? I take it that you all would entertain selling this property, is that right?

MR. WHITE: Yes, sir.

MR. BERRY: Thank you, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Berry.

MR. DUPUY: State your motion, if you would, please, Doyle.

MR. BERRY: My motion, in view of what Dick just got through saying, I suggest that the Commission direct the Director and Mr. Yancey to look into the feasibility of purchasing this property, the property Mr. White is involved in and also the other property in green. I believe



that is what you were suggesting, wasn't it, Mr. Yancey?

MR. YANCEY: Yes. You would be authorizing the Director to look into the possibility of purchasing this property from the standpoint of availability of the land and the availability of funds.

MR. BERRY: No, we are going to direct him. We are not going to authorize him. We are going to direct him; he is the Director.

MR. DUPUY: Not necessarily an amendment to the motion, but I would suggest that when you are looking into it, look into it from the standpoint of the possibility of acquiring by act of exchange as well as purchase any land adjoining the Salvador Game Management Area.

MR. BERRY: I will include that in my motion, Mr. Dupuy, if you will second it.

MR. DUPUY: I will.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Berry and seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye,

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.



(No response)

So ordered.

Dick, No. 14.

MR. YANCEY: The last item that I have has to do with Louisiana's request for transfer to the Central Flyway. We all know the background of this proposed move and we thought we would bring to your attention the fact that we received a letter yesterday from the Interior Department that left us with a feeling of dismay, because it indicates that they plan to wait another year before making a final decision in connection with the Commission's request.

We were told at a meeting with Mr. Nat Reed in Washington on August 5 that this decision would be made by June 15, 1975, which would be in time for regulating Louisiana by Central Flyway rules for the '76-'76 duck season. Now he indicates that due to certain reasons that it doesn't look like they will be able to make that decision at that time, which means that now we are looking at a change no sooner than the 1976-77 season.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Yancey, I would like to



ask you a question and I would like a yes or no answer. Is this the first time that Mr. Reed has misrepresented the truth to us?

MR. YANCEY: Well, in his letter --

MR. BERRY: Just a yes or no answer. I don't want a long-winded conversation!

MR. YANCEY: This letter contradicts what we were told on August 5 in a meeting.

MR. BERRY: Is this the first time they have ever done this to us? Or is this about standard for the course?

MR. YANCEY: Well, it has happened before.

MR. BERRY: That is what I wanted to bring out. They lie a little bit, don't they?

MR. YANCEY: We were certainly disappointed in this matter and --

MR. BERRY: They lie a little bit, don't they?

MR. YANCEY: -- I think we should respond with a rather strong letter, demanding that they go ahead and use the same timetable that they told us they would use in our meeting of August 5.

THE CHAIRMAN: I suggested to Mr. Yancey



that we just ask the man, is he going to keep his word or isn't he going to keep his word, and get it in writing. We may want to register the letter.

MR. BERRY: The point is, I don't think it would be any good in the future. We can try him again, though.

MR. YANCEY: We would like to write a letter just insisting that they stick by what they told us in the meeting on August 5 in Washington. There is a rather lame excuse added into this letter that has to do with the fact that they were busy fighting some court action in New Jersey that was initiated to stop duck hunting this winter in the United States. I am sure the attorneys handled that action for them.

We are dealing with the biological staff and the administrative staff on this Louisiana request, so we don't feel that that excuse is in any way valid.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, my neighbor here, Marc Dupuy, tried to get a word in edgewise every way he could. Now I am going to recognize him.



MR. DUPUY: I would just like to suggest that we immediately respond by telegram by Mr. Angelle in such language, whether eloquent or blunt as he might consider appropriate, and with a letter to follow.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Dupuy, we have used eloquent language now for twenty years, trying to talk to those people. I am ready to talk to them bluntly and tell them they are liars.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have in the audience two people that I think quite a bit of and I intended to recognize them before, but this seems to be the proper moment. We have Mr. Veillon and Mr. Stanek. Now if either one of you would like to address the Commission on this, on Mr. Yancey's problem, we would be glad to recognize you.

Now, in case I forget, we have a very special guest here today, Mrs. Cook and I believe there were two other little Cooks here, but I don't seem to see them right now. You are very welcome and we insist that you come all the time, regardless of what Mr. Cook says over there. Thank you.

Now, do I have a motion on Mr. Yancey's



request?

MR. WILLE: I make the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is moved by Mr. Wille that the Commission authorize and request that our Director write a letter --

MR. BERRY: Send a telegram.

MR. WILLE: Followed with a letter to all of our representatives.

THE CHAIRMAN: -- send a telegram, followed by a letter to -- what is the man's name? -- Mr. Nat Reed, to try to determine what his intentions are on the move of Louisiana from the Mississippi Flyway to the Central Flyway.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered. Thank you.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, do you want a type of telegram that we felt that on August 5 he was lying to us but he has confirmed it in his letter?



THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, sir. I would be very happy to be the mover of that type of telegram. That is what I am talking about.

MR. WILLE: Sign it "Clay Luttrell, Chairman."

THE CHAIRMAN: That's right. Sign it "Clay Luttrell, Chairman." I don't care. That's just exactly correct, exactly how I feel.

MR. WILLE: One thing, Brother Clay, we will tell him the truth, and that's something he hasn't done for us.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's right. We haven't got a thing he can win, so tell him to sue. I am on welfare! I am retired and trying to retire from retirement, I will be frank with you, and there is not a thing in the world he can win! Go ahead, Mr. Smith.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Gentlemen, Members of the Commission, in the current budget we have funds available to construct a fisheries research laboratory over on Lake Bistineau, which is now under State control. We have problems that have developed on this lake as well as adjacent water bodies, and



in an attempt to obtain a location for this facility, Mr. Don Wille has met with the Bossier Parish Police Jury. These people have agreed to provide the Commission a lease. This would be a 25-year lease, with a 25-year option.

Now we have not received this lease yet but we expect it in a few days. I would recommend at this time that the Commission adopt a resolution which would authorize the Director to enter into this agreement, providing, of course, this agreement form has been reviewed by Division personnel, by the Commission attorney and, of course, is approved by the Director.

This would save us construction time if we could go ahead and move ahead on this now, because time is rather short.

MR. WILLE: I would like to make the motion that we accept the lease and start construction posthaste and authorize the Director to go ahead.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Wille.

MR. DUPUY: I second the motion.



THE CHAIRMAN: A second by Mr. Dupuy.
Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion,
those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye,

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission has been
delegated the administrative responsi-
bility for managing Lake Bistineau,
located in Webster, Bossier and Bien-
ville Parishes, and

WHEREAS, there has been a
demonstrated need to obtain more
knowledge on the control of submersed
aquatic vegetation and fish populations,
and

WHEREAS, the Bossier Parish
Police Jury has agreed to lease a five-



acre tract on the Lake Bistineau shore for a period of 25 years with an option for an additional 25 years, without charge, for the purpose of constructing a research laboratory,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Director to enter into this agreement with the Bossier Parish Police Jury, provided the document prepared by that Police Jury is first examined and approved by the Fish Division staff and the Commission attorney.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Mr. Ensminger.

MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Commission, I think we ought to possibly keep Dr. Gagliano's map. It seems like all of our business today is on this particular area.

We have received a request from Phoenix Energy Company of Houston, Texas, to install a three-inch gas line across a portion of our



Salvador Game Management Area. The line will extend to the north from the Louisiana Cypress Canal across our property and up to Highway 90 to an existing gas pipeline. It will be in this area here (indicating on map) from this point across and up to the Highway.

This line would be a three-inch gas line as I mentioned. They are requesting a 25-foot right-of-way, and they would pay us the standard right-of-way fee, which is \$10 a rod for this amount. This would be a little over three miles and would amount to slightly under \$9,000.

I would recommend that the Commission grant them the right-of-way, with the stipulation that this right-of-way is for one pipeline only and that additional lines could not be installed on the pipeline right-of-way.

MR. BERRY: I so move, Mr. Chairman.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the request. I have a motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.



THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission has
received a request from Phoenix Energy
Company to install a three-inch natural
gas pipeline across a portion of the
Salvador Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this work can be
carried out so that the wildlife
resources of the area will not be
jeopardized,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fish-
eries Commission does hereby grant
permission to Phoenix Energy Company
to construct a three-inch pipeline
in a northeasterly direction from
the Louisiana Cypress Canal across



the Salvador Wildlife Management Area. The right-of-way for the construction of this line shall be 25 feet in width and the right-of-way grant will be for one single three-inch line only. The fee of \$10 a rod shall be assessed Phoenix Energy Company for this right-of-way grant, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this right-of-way.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seventeen, please.

MR. ENSMINGER: The next matter I would like to bring to your attention is usage of our Salvador and Point au Chien Wildlife Management Areas with regard to the shooting hours and entrance into the area for public hunting.

Several years ago the Commission closed these two areas to night-time usage, to protect our alligator and deer populations. Since that time, of course, we have developed these areas extensively for waterfowl hunting, and it has come



to our attention that our original regulation permitted the use of the areas a half-hour before sunrise until half an hour after sunset. This, of course, does not give a hunter sufficient time in the morning to get into his blind before the opening of the shooting hours.

Since this was an oversight on our part, I would like to recommend that the Commission revise the public use hours of these two game management areas to be an hour and one-half before sunrise to half-hour after sunset, and this would permit a duck hunter sufficient time to get into the marsh and get his decoys set up before the opening of the shooting hours.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation, gentlemen. Do I have a motion?

MR. LAPEYRE: I will move it.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Dupuy.

MR. BERRY: Do you also have to revise the hunting hours on Rockefeller and --

MR. ENSMINGER: No, we don't have any



hunting on those. These are the only two that we have hunting on. I believe Burt is trying to get you in trouble there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any discussion? No discussion. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission owns the Pointe au Chien and Salvador Wildlife Management Areas and manages these tracts of marshland for public hunting and fishing, and

WHEREAS, the Commission has prohibited the entrance time to thirty minutes before sunrise on the areas in the past, and

WHEREAS, this regulation does



not allow for sufficient time for hunters to enter the areas each morning prior to opening of shooting time,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby amend the regulations pertaining to the public use of the Pointe au Chien and Salvador Wildlife Management Areas to provide that the public may enter these areas one hour and 30 minutes before sunrise and utilize the areas until half an hour after sunset. All hunting will stop at 12 noon.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, before Mr. Ensminger goes into the next item, just by way of observation, from time to time and pretty regularly we have requests for pipeline rights-of-way across land management areas and Commission properties. It seems to me that maybe the State Land Office ought to be consulted by the Director and staff for an upgrading and revision of the so-called standard price per rod of the consideration paid



to the State, to the Commission.

Often the damages to the surface far exceed the amount of the consideration that we are paid, and I think you might be able to sit with Ory Poret and Mrs. Ellen Bryan Moore and see if they can't consider an updating and increase of the roddage cost.

MR. ENSMINGER: Well, with regard to that, our fees that are charged by the Commission are higher than the fees charged by the State Land Office for their property. Now our fees were set back in the mid-1960's and undoubtedly do need to be brought up to date, but the Commission does have the authority to set whatever right-of-way fee you feel is desirable for Commission-owned property without the State Land Office being involved.

Now we can consult the State Land Office to get some guidelines and more or less review what they charge for them. In addition to the comments there, also, Marc, it probably would be well when the Commission revises our right-of-way fees to incorporate the single line provision into



these things, especially for underground gas lines.

MR. DUPUY: That is correct.

MR. ENSMINGER: As this energy situation increases in this country, undoubtedly many companies are going to come back and want to install additional lines on existing rights-of-way without paying additional fees.

MR. DUPUY: That's right.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Marc, would you want the administrative staff to work with Mr. Ensminger on this and provide the Commission some draft for consideration at the January meeting?

MR. DUPUY: If you have the time to do it between now and then, yes, I think so.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Yes, I think we could.

MR. ENSMINGER: We will have our budget out of the way by then.

MR. DUPUY: You might give some thought to the possibility, Allan, that present jurisprudence holds that if a pipeline, if a right-of-way does not show more than one line authority and if there has been more than ten years between the laying of the first line and the request for the



second line, that the right to lay a multiple line prescribes, and so with that view in mind, we need to provide specifically that a right-of-way does not in fact authorize the laying of more than one line.

MR. ENSMINGER: O. K. This could be incorporated into the regulations.

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MR. ENSMINGER: The next matter that I have is just for your information. As you are all aware, several discussions have been held with Louisiana Power and Light regarding high-voltage transmission lines that that company is interested in installing to service numerous generating plants on the West Bank as well as some on the East Bank of the Mississippi River in the general vicinity of the metropolitan area.

One of these lines, of course, has been requested to be installed across a portion of our Salvador Wildlife Management Area. The area under consideration is along the northern part of it.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Which transects the area.

MR. ENSMINGER: It would transect the game management area west of the property that was discussed by Mr. Yancey that belongs to the Hunter and Jack White group. Now Louisiana Power and Light met with the Commission yesterday in our informal session, and they were informed at that time that the Commission was interested in trying to acquire lands in the vicinity of our game



management area, and the proposal was put to them to investigate the possibility of purchasing lands adjacent or around our game management area that they could exchange to the Commission for the privilege of crossing our game management area.

Now Louisiana Power and Light is looking at somewhere in the vicinity of \$70,000-\$100,000 fee to cross this game management area, so this would, of course, go a long way toward purchasing some of this marshland that would be adjacent to our area and would do a lot to mitigate some of the losses that would incur by construction of the line across our property.

I think that we will be hearing more from Louisiana Power and Light in the future, and if we do, I will bring this matter back to the Commission for your information.

THE CHAIRMAN: Allan, I am going to appoint a committee to work with the officials of Louisiana Power and Light, to work out some details and to look into this thing more thoroughly and to report back to the Commission. I appoint on that committee Mr. Doyle Berry, Mr. Wille and,



as Jerry Jones says, me, with Mr. Berry as chairman. We will hold a meeting with these people and report back to the Board for its consideration.

MR. ENSMINGER: O. K. As soon as I hear from them, I will be in touch with you.

THE CHAIRMAN: And we will work with you, of course.

MR. ENSMINGER: Fine.

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, I just directed our photographer to shoot that map after the meeting and make us each an 8x10 shot of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is really good. Then we don't have to steal that one! We can return it.

MR. ENSMINGER: Just as an additional point, I would like to take this opportunity, of course, to compliment the shell industry people for their action with regard to their leases adjacent to Marsh Island. This is very important to me because of the management aspect of Marsh Island, and we will transmit a copy of your Board resolution, accepting these releases, to the Russell Sage Foundation. This should alleviate some of the anxiety that the members and officers of that



foundation have with regard to their Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge interest.

MR. WILLE: Allan, would you do something else, too? Write a letter to the shell industry, commending them on this decision.

MR. ENSMINGER: Yes, I think that Dr. St. Amant and that group should certainly follow this, and probably several news releases should follow on it also.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you. That brings us down to Mr. Herring.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Joe, will you excuse me one minute?

MR. JOE HERRING: Yes, sir.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. White, have you all provided Louisiana Power and Light with a right-of-way through your property as of this time?

MR. WHITE: Yes, we have sold them a right-of-way and they have come back and advised us that since they bought it in a spot that they don't think they are going to be able to use,



that is where the matter rests.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I think you are smiling when you say that!

THE CHAIRMAN: I wonder if they released them from their contract.

MR. DUPUY: They want to exchange it for another right-of-way.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Joe.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The first item we have on the agenda is a lease agreement from Olinkraft, Inc., Monroe, Louisiana. They have offered by lease agreement an additional 65 acres of land to the present Union Wildlife Management Area that we have. The agreement is for five years and is the same as other lands Olinkraft leased to the Commission. The lease will be the standard lease agreement form that we have for all wildlife management areas.

As I say, this is a free lease. This is a very small tract, 65 acres, but it does add onto our area that we have there of some 15,000 acres from Olinkraft as well as small individuals. I would like to say, too, that we had over the weekend



738 people who hunted on this tract of land and they killed an average of one deer to every 16 hunters, so we do have some fairly good deer hunting there, as well as squirrel hunting and other types.

I would recommend to the Commission at this time that we accept this acreage of land to be added to the Union Parish Wildlife Management Area.

MR. BERRY: So move.

THE CHAIRMAN: I hope it will never be said during my time that the Commission passed up a lease, a free lease, on land that provided hunter opportunity.

MR. HERRING: No matter how small, we will take it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Or how large, if it's free.

MR. HERRING: It does add to it.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Berry.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: A second by Mr. Wille, that we carry out Joe's request. Those in favor,



say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, Olinkraft, Inc.,
West Monroe, Louisiana, has offered
by lease agreement an additional 65
acres of land to the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, this is an addition
to the present Union Parish Wildlife
Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this agreement is
for a five-year period and the agree-
ment is the same as other lands of
Olinkraft leased to the Commission, and

WHEREAS, this land is being
leased to the Louisiana Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission at no charge,



NOR THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fish-
eries Commission accept this 65-acre
tract of land as an addition to the
Union Parish Wildlife Management Area
to be used by the sportsmen of this
State.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item
we have is a request from Ashland Oil Company of
Ferriday, Louisiana. They have requested a 20-foot
right-of-way some 157 feet or 9.5 rods in length
for the construction of a two-inch pipeline across
lands belonging to Louisiana Wild Life and Fish-
eries Commission.

This pipeline will connect to an exist-
ing Ashland pipeline located on lands belonging to
the Concordia Parish School Board. The pipeline
will be buried to a depth of 24 inches. This
request has been investigated by District IV per-
sonnel and they recommend that we do approve it,
provided that Ashland pay the normal right-of-way
fee of \$10 per lineal rod, which will be \$95, plus
they will be held responsible for any timber damage



that they may cause on the area, or any road damages, and that they would mow this right-of-way a minimum of once per year.

With this, I would recommend to the Commission that we grant Ashland Oil Company the requested right-of-way.

MR. LAPEYRE: So move.

MR. BERRY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Berry. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS the Ashland Oil
Company in Ferriday, Louisiana, has
requested a 20-foot right-of-way,
157 feet in length for construction
of a two-inch pipeline, and



WHEREAS, this pipeline will be crossing a portion of Red River Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this pipeline is to be buried to a depth of 24 inches and that Ashland Oil Company will pay for any timber or road damages caused by this right-of-way,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this right-of-way as requested be granted to Ashland Oil Company at the regular charges by the Commission of \$10 per linear rod for a right-of-way up to 25 feet in width and that this right-of-way be mowed a minimum of once per year.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item that we have pertains to the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area. Since the creation of this wildlife management area, we have had a tremendous increase of traffic on the existing access roads into the area. Several years ago we did build a boat ramp on the southeast side in Ward 6



of the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, and the only access road to that has been a dirt-type road that has been maintained for some 20 or 25 years by the police jury there. The police jury has asked that if the Commission could furnish the pit run gravel for this road, they would furnish all the equipment and personnel to spread and work and maintain the road going into this area.

For, you might say, a first-class job on fixing the road up for public utilization, it has been estimated somewhere between \$8,000 and \$10,000. However, as recommended yesterday by Mr. Dupuy, we could get in possibly this year for \$1,000 or \$2,000 and do some work on different holes in the road, a patch-up, and would put us through to the next year.

We would like to ask of the Commission that they approve repairs on this, provided we can meet with the Division of Administration and funds could be transferred from some other road funds so we could get in there, because it is virtually impossible during the winter months to get into this part of the wildlife management area, and we



do have some good usage out of it during the months of duck-hunting and also some fishing there.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. DUPUY: Yes. Mr. Chairman, this is the only access road into the southeastern part of the Spring Bayou Management Area and it is a very well used road, very much in need, and I would like to recommend and I so move that we take whatever steps are necessary for immediate emergency repair of the road, with the follow-up as soon as the funds are available for a complete reworking of the road.

MR. BERRY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Berry. Is there any other discussion? Hearing none, those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. HERRING: We will request in next year's budget, too, for a good road, and whatever



we can do this year.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, since the creation of the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area a tremendous increase of traffic has resulted on access roads to the area, and

WHEREAS, a boat ramp was constructed several years ago on the southeast side of this management area in Ward 6, and

WHEREAS, with heavy traffic to this ramp, it is virtually impossible to use the dirt road during the winter months, and

WHEREAS, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury has maintained this road for the past 25 years, and

WHEREAS, the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury has agreed to spread and work pit run gravel on this road if



the Commission would purchase it,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fish-
eries Commission purchase a minimum of
\$1,500 to a maximum of \$8,000 worth of
pit run gravel or shell for placement
on this road.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next
item we have on the agenda is a request from
Anthony Products Company. They have requested a
nine-months extension on timber sale, which is
Contract No. 180-3-18.. Due to the excessive rains
that we have had in the contract area, the opera-
tions have been stalled many times. In discussing
this with our District I personnel out of Minden,
they have also recommended that we give this
lumber company an extension on the contract due
to the damage being caused to the roads, also to
the dams and levees that are owned and operated
by the Corps of Engineers, and also in tearing up
some of the woods there, which would cost us in
going back and repairing this.

This extension would carry them through



the summer of 1975. I would like to say this contract is for \$51,255.55 and is a wildlife cutting.

I would recommend the extension, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation.

MR. BERRY: I will so move.

MR. DUPUY: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Anthony Products Company has requested a nine-month extension on timber sale contract No. 180-3-18, and

WHEREAS, due to excessive rains



in the contract area operations have been stalled, and

WHEREAS, with discussions with our District I personnel, they recommend the extension as much damage is being done to the roads and dams, and

WHEREAS, this extension will carry the contract through the summer of 1975, and

WHEREAS, this contract is for \$51,255.55 and is a wildlife cutting,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission grant an extension of nine months to Anthony Products Company for cutting timber under Contract No. 180-3-18.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have is a request from Amoco Pipeline Company, who presently has a pipeline installed on our Red River Wildlife Management Area, by right-of-way agreement dated November 6, 1968, between Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Service



Pipeline Company. Service Pipeline Company is now Amoco Pipeline Company.

They are requesting they be permitted to install a two-inch plastic low-pressure gas line the entire length of their existing right-of-way agreement. In checking the agreement that we have them presently, as requested by the Commission yesterday, with our attorney, the present agreement only calls for one line. Our attorney does advise that we can charge them for the second line that they would put through on this right-of-way, which would be a total of \$4,200.

I would go ahead and recommend this, and the stipulations in the agreement would be the same as other right-of-way agreements, that the Commission not be held liable for any breakage of this line and also that they would be charged any timber or road damages that they would cause on the area and we would go ahead and charge for the right-of-way entry.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. LAPEYRE: So move.



MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Lapeyre,
seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the
resolution is here made
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Amoco Pipeline
Company has requested a right-of-way
across a portion of Three Rivers Wild-
life Management Area, and

WHEREAS, Amoco Production
Company plans to install a two-inch
plastic low-pressure gas line the
entire length of the present right-
of-way, and

WHEREAS, the length of this
right-of-way they are getting has 420
rods,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED



that this right-of-way be granted to Amoco Pipeline Company, provided:

1. Amoco Pipeline Company pay for all timber and road damages;
2. Amoco Pipeline Company pay \$10 per linear rod for a 25-foot right-of-way;
3. That the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission not be liable for any breaks or other damages caused by Amoco Pipeline; and
4. That Amoco Pipeline Company add only one line to this right-of-way.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have is the Hurricane Fence Company, Metairie, Louisiana, has completed the fence repairs around the Commission-owned Saline Wildlife Management Area. Damage to this fence was caused by the 1973 flood and all repairs are being paid for by the Federal Disaster Program. The total amount of these



repairs is \$52,875, and we have been advised by District personnel out of Ferriday that the work has been completed and meets with our satisfaction there.

I would like to recommend to the Commission that we accept the work as done so that Hurricane Fence Company can be put in line for their final payment on this project.

MR. BERRY: So move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. It has been moved by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Hurricane Fence Company, Metairie, Louisiana, has completed the fence repairs around the



Commission-owned Saline Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, these damages to the fence were caused by the 1973 flood, and

WHEREAS, all repairs are being paid by the Federal Disaster Program, and

WHEREAS, the total amount of these repairs is in the amount of \$52,875 on Purchase Order No. D-390345,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission accept this work from the Hurricane Fence Company of Metairie, Louisiana, and that this job be placed in line for payment.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have on the agenda is a request from several individuals that the trapping season on our Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area in District II be extended. Presently the trapping area on Russell Sage closes on February 1, 1975. Their request is that the trapping season be extended to February 20,



1975. Now the reason that we had previously cut off the trapping season at February 1 was because of the sport hunting of raccoons in this area, but since the opening of the raccoon season several years ago on an experimental basis, we have not had the use that we had anticipated. We are not having it now. With this, we see no reason why we couldn't go ahead and extend the season, the trapping season, on the wildlife management area at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN: You hear the request, gentlemen. Do I have a motion?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Joe, at a meeting in Monroe, I believe it was, that Mr. Yancey and you and others and myself attended, there was someone within the audience that asked that we consider shortening this trapping season because of the running of the dogs on the wildlife management area, and we told them we would take this into consideration. I am just wondering if we are undoing something that we have already done.

MR. HERRING: No, sir. That was the Cities Service Wildlife Management Area and we



3 don't have any quail hunting. This pertained to quail hunting, and Russell Sage does not have any quail hunting. This was Cities Service Wildlife Management Area on up north of Monroe, and this is an area that is kind of due east of Monroe on Highway 80 there, so it is two different areas. They did request that and we are making arrangements up there to try and designate areas and try to let these people know that there is trapping on Cities Service and we are taking their request into consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the request. Do I have a motion?

MR. BERRY: So move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Berry. Do I have a second?

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille. Is there any discussion?

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, it is my feeling that since the regulations were adopted and printed and since the recommendations of the biologists are the best known information that we have



with regard to our own management areas, I think it would be a mistake to make a move to change the regulations. I think we would be setting a precedent which will give you trouble immediately following on the next item on the agenda, and I personally would not vote in favor and will not vote in favor of changing the regulations.

MR. BERRY: Of course, Marc, let me comment on that, that these biologists made their recommendations some, what, six months ago, and things change from time to time, and I don't think we should be at the point on this Commission that we can't be flexible on things that may change just because of policy. That is kind of like what the bureaucrats up in the Bureau of Sport Fisheries are talking about.

MR. DUPUY: I hope you are not considering making an analogy between the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and ourselves!

MR. WILLE: No, but I tell you, Marc, I think that we are going to find that the biologists on these requests for extensions and also for any-
sex are recommending it very strongly. I think



that we should go along with their recommendations. We have respected it before, and it is not going to be an enforcement problem when you extend or change an area to any sex. The enforcement problem comes when you take away an any-sex day from an area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Don, we are talking about trapping. This will come up a little later.

MR. WILLE: Oh, O. K. I thought you were talking about Item 26.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other discussion on Item 25, any other discussion? I call for the vote. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

MR. DUPUY: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it. So ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, a petition has been received from interested trappers in the



Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area,
and

WHEREAS, these trappers and
their petition are asking for an addi-
tion to the 1974-75 trapping season on
Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area,
and

WHEREAS, they are requesting
that the trapping season be extended
from February 1, 1975 to February 20,
1975, and

WHEREAS, our District Super-
visor from the Monroe area recommends
this extension,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fish-
eries Commission extend the fur trapping
season on the Russell Sage Wildlife
Management Area from February 1, 1975
to February 20, 1975.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Joe, we will
go to 26, and may I say that since these do vary
I think that we should vote on these separately.



Now, I have an amendment, as I told you yesterday, to add to this request, and if I have to extend the rules, I will request that from the Board so that we can, and it is my fault, I should have gone to the secretary and seen that she put it in there. But, we will go with these, Joe, and then I will call for my amendment, and vote on the amendment first, and we will vote on yours as amended separately.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Clay, do you think we need to go over these one at a time? That is going to take a considerable amount of time and they are all --

MR. LAPEYRE: I think we ought to take all the extensions and all the any-sexes.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I hope the Commission doesn't take a position of being anti-sex!

MR. WILLE: May I make a motion so that we can discuss it?

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me discuss this first. I will concede to my neighbor, and at this time I want to amend 26 to say this. I amend 26 to say that I move that all private hunting clubs in the



State of Louisiana be given a deer season, I mean a turkey season, beginning March 15, ending April 20, and state the reason for this. This will give a greater hunter opportunity and it will not put a burden on our enforcement since our private clubs do carry their own enforcement division and it may even increase hunter opportunity by encouraging these various clubs who have the finances and who have the facilities to stock and help us in adding this game bird to the list.

Now I amend 26 to include that.

MR. BERRY: What date was that, March 20 through --

THE CHAIRMAN: I just checked the dates we have for the areas in which it is allowed, and it is March 20 to April 15, the same as we have for some of the other areas.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, what about the areas that we stocked just last year, as they were so recently stocked, since this will cover all private clubs and they have not built up a population on there. The ones that we plan to stock this year prior to the turkey season, they



would still be open.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, for the purpose of vote, I turn over for this one, I turn the chair over to the Vice-Chairman for this one amendment. Marc.

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, couldn't it be amended to read "after five years of stocking" because don't we have an agreement with those turkey farms?

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't know of any. The amendment simply says those private clubs, and I have found these to be very honorable people.

MR. WILLE: I know that. What I am talking about, don't they have to have about five years in order for the turkeys to get themselves established?

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't know that. I simply disagree with all of this, and if we are going to pass these, then I think my recommendation is a reasonable recommendation, my amendment is a reasonable recommendation. I, as Marc knows, have always maintained that, once we publish a set of rules and regulations, especially concerning wild-



life, that they shouldn't be changed in that session but should be changed next year. Now, with this in consideration, I concede the request of the biologists, but I am going to ask that you either vote me in or vote me out on this recommendation. Marc.

VICE CHAIRMAN DUPUY: Gentlemen, you have heard the Chair's request for the creation of a turkey season, excuse me, for the amending of the agenda so as to include as Item J the creation of a turkey season on all private hunting clubs for the year 1975.

MR. BERRY: I will second the motion.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Would you consider the request and amend the agenda in that respect? Is there any opposition?

MR. WILLE: I have got to say that I think that we should have at least five years or ten years or whatever the biologists recommend on this thing. I am sorry, Mr. Clay, and I am not changing horses on you. I just think it should be to any club that has not had the turkeys, or has had the turkeys for over a certain length of time,



because that means we turn turkeys loose in an area and they can start shooting them right away.

MR. BERRY: Don.

MR. WILLE: Yes, sir.

MR. BERRY: This is just a motion to add this to the agenda. We are not voting on the motion. This is just to put it on the agenda.

MR. WILLE: All right, I will go along with that then, add it to the agenda.

THE VICE CHAIRMAN: Hearing no opposition, it is considered added to the agenda.

MR. WILLE: Excuse me. We are going to add it to the agenda.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Marc. Now, Joe.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chairman, may I say something.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. BERRY: I think we should take these items one at a time, A through J. I first thought we ought to take them all together, but I just noticed there are some cancellations in there. I think there is a lot less problem of enforcement



if we add days or add things, but once you cancel something we have already published, then you are asking for a lot of trouble and a lot of conflict, and that is why I would like to take these separately.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Then I will request that that be carried out. Joe, let's take them one at a time, please.

MR. HERRING: O. K. Mr. Chairman, we have received several requests for changes in the deer season, most of which pertain to does, and these requests fall into about three categories here. Some are to extend the doe season in certain areas. The next is to stop the doe season in certain areas and then, three, to extend the buck season on three wildlife management areas.

I would like just to bring up the three requests that we have for extension of the doe season. I would like to bring one other thing to the Commission. We do have another Commission meeting prior to the opening of the deer season here.

The first request was received from



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Senator Jumonville and Curtis Stelley. Curtis Stelley is a member of the Bucks Hunting Club in the Morganza Floodway in Point Coupee Parish. They are requesting that they want a 13-day doe season in the second part of our season as set, December 21 and ending January 2, 1975.

The second request that we have for an extension of a doe season comes from Mr. Sam J. Latino, who is president of the Rocky Hunting Club in Iberville Parish. He has requested a one-day doe season for their club. The Rocky Hunting Club is on the Ascension-Iberville Parish line and joins an area with a doe season set for December 21, 1974.

The third request that we have for a doe season is one that possibly is our fault that they did not have. It was a typing error in setting the seasons, when we were making a lot of different changes and trying to get boundaries together and other things which go into setting the season. In setting the seasons it was recommended that Louisiana lands east of the Mississippi River in Madison and Tensas Parishes have doe



seasons the first five days of each segment. That would have been November 23-27, which they have had now, and December 21-25. This second portion of the season was left off in the typing; thus, the season was not set for the second period there.

That is the three requests that we have had for two seasons and, as I say, we do have another Commission meeting between now and the time that the season does open.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion we approve A, B and C.

MR. WILLE: I would like to second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. We have a motion by Mr. Berry, seconded by Mr. Wille, that A, B and C be approved. Is there any discussion? Do we have any discussion?

MR. WILLE: By the way, this is on the biologists' recommendation, right?

MR. HERRING: No, sir, not necessarily. Let me bring one thing up here. I am not trying to -- no, let me bring one thing up. Yes, we would, but the reason I was bringing out that we have another Commission meeting is to further check



these areas. If we had to go along, yes, I would say that we could recommend a season in all areas and not jeopardize the deer herd, as requested.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: You mean you would have a little bit more time between now and the next Commission meeting to make your field observation and make a recommendation to the Commission for their consideration at the next meeting on December 17?

MR. HERRING: Yes, on one area.

MR. YANCEY: You only have five days from December 17 to the 21st, and that is not enough time to get out the news releases and everything. We need to decide now.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chairman, you have a motion and a second. I would like to call for a vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: Are you calling for the question?

MR. BERRY: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. The question is then called for. Now discussion ceases and we will vote. Those in favor, say aye.



IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

MR. DUPUY: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Wait! An additional thirteen days of doe season for some hunting club in Point Coupee Parish? Is this a recommendation of the biologists? Thirteen days?

MR. HERRING: In that area the area is somewhat overgrazed and the cows --

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Not somewhat; it is either overgrazed or not.

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir, it is overgrazed in this area from cattle that are on the area and the deer population is not as good as where we are having the season down below. We have another hunting club in between that does not have a hunting season and this, as far as having the season --

MR. YANCEY: I would suggest that we be furnished with a land description, with boundaries, section, township, range, et cetera, so that we will know exactly what is being opened. In Tensas Parish we have got no problem because you are



opening everything on the east bank of the Mississippi in Tensas Parish to coincide with the seasons on the west side.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me make one request, that you make that as a form of an amendment, and we will list it as "K". Would you do that, at the end of this?

MR. YANCEY: Fine.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: What is the acreage of Bucks Hunting Club?

MR. HERRING: In talking to the gentleman this morning on the acreage for that area, he told me that it was 23,000 acres. That is the only thing I have. They have 24 members in it and that is the acreage they gave me this morning. I have talked to these people yesterday and today. This was the last request; it came in yesterday morning. It was a request that they requested be put on the agenda.

MR. BERRY: Mike, I know that this is going to create you some problems, but I am sure you are capable of finding some solutions to them.

MR. MICHAEL HOGAN: We will do our best.



THE CHAIRMAN: For the record, I want to state it clearly that Mr. Dupuy voted no on the three above, A B & C.

(The full text of the resolutions is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, a request has been received for a 13-day any sex deer season for the Bucks Hunting Club in Morganza Floodway, Pointe Coupee Parish, and

WHEREAS, they want the first 13 days of the second segment beginning December 21 and ending January 2, 1974,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this any sex season be granted provided the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is furnished with a complete land description of the Bucks Hunting Club area and that the boundaries around this area are clearly marked.

WHEREAS, a request has been received from the Rocky Hunting Club



in Iberville Parish for a one-day doe season for their club, and

WHEREAS the Rocky Hunting Club is on the Ascension-Iberville Parish line and joins an area with a doe season set for December 21, 1974,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rocky Hunting Club be granted a one-day any sex deer season December 21, 1974, provided that they furnish the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission a complete description of their club's land area and that their boundaries are clearly marked.

WHEREAS, in setting the seasons for the 1974-75 hunting season it was recommended that Louisiana lands east of the Mississippi River in Madison and Tensas Parishes have doe seasons for the first five days of each segment, and

WHEREAS, the seasons for the second portion of the season were left



off by error,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that an any sex deer season be granted
and held on all Louisiana lands east
of the Mississippi River in Madison
and Tensas Parishes the first five
days of the second segment, December
21 to 25, 1975.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, before you
proceed further, I think you will recall yesterday
that we asked our Chief of Enforcement, Mr. Mike
Hogan, to consider each one of these resolutions
and to consider them with regard to the enforce-
ment problems that are created. We asked him to
review them with the view in mind of him commenting
on it this morning.

Now the question was called before fur-
ther discussion, and we didn't have the opportunity
of hearing Mr. Hogan. I don't know when it is
appropriate to hear him, whether now before we
consider the rest of these items, or after, but I
would like to hear from Mr. Hogan.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dupuy, as a case of



proper procedure, Mr. Hogan was not in the audience and I could not call on him for the first three. Now I will call on him, since the request was made.

MR. HOGAN: I was over here.

THE CHAIRMAN: Were you over here, Mike? I didn't see you. I am sorry but I didn't see Mr. Hogan. The motions have been presented and have been voted on and I am sorry there is no way we can rescind them. Since the question was called, the debate was limited. Now let's go ahead with "D".

MR. BERRY: Let's hear from Colonel Hogan now.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. If the Commission cares, we will hear from Colonel Hogan before we hear "D". I am sorry about "A", "B" and "C" but that is the ruling of the Chair unless you want to overrule me.

MR. LAPEYRE: Mr. Chairman, could we stipulate as a part of these motions that we get a description of the area as suggested by Mr. Yancey.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, he is going to make an amendment and this is the only way it will



really be legal, Mr. Yancey, and I want you to make an amendment to this, but we can make it at the end or before, either one. That does make it a legal portion of it. Then we will call on Hogan.

MR. YANCEY: One thing that is essential that we do in connection with the opening of any of these seasons is to clearly define the dates that the season will be open, what it is open on, and the boundaries of the area that will be open. On these hunting club requests, we need to have a description, a land description of the area that we are opening, either by geographic boundaries as we customarily use, or by section, township, and range, and I think it is real important that we be furnished with some sort of land description so when we put out a news release we can specify precisely what part we are opening, the land area we are opening, what we are opening on, and when it is going to be open. We just can't use the hunting club name and keep ourselves in the clear on it.

This area in Tensas Parish, we have no problem with that. Everything east of the



Mississippi River in Tensas Parish would be open to coincide with the seasons we already have on the west side of the Mississippi River, but the two hunting club areas would pose some problems and we need a land description on those.

MR. BERRY: So move, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the amendment to Item 26, Item "K", to read that those hunting clubs in which the seasons have been changed or added would be required or asked to furnish a description of the boundaries and total acreage and so forth, and I will include that in my motion that a request go out to those people who care to have a season, if they care to have a season, they will have to comply with your amendment.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: And if they don't --

THE CHAIRMAN: If they don't, then they do not qualify for a season. That should be stated also in yours, Dick.

MR. YANCEY: I would certainly agree with that. Personally, I don't know that we have the information at this time to act on Items "A" and "B". In order to really say, you need to investigate to



determine what their deer population condition is and so forth. I know what the situation is on Item "C" in connection with the lands in Tensas east of the Mississippi. We have got some real serious crop damage problems up there and it has had a history of farmers shooting deer in the fields, but what the deer population situation is on these two hunting clubs, I don't know.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, this action has been taken and can be rescinded at the December meeting, remember, but I don't think we can go back and rescind it now.

O. K. Now we are ready for Colonel Hogan.

MR. MICHAEL HOGAN: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, Mr. Director, my recommendation would have been for not changing or not going along with "A" and "B" due to the fact that it would create an enforcement problem. A 13-day doe season in a hunting club area in which there are no defined boundaries, and giving the people of that club anywhere from eight to twelve days, with one to five-day doe hunting seasons in the vicinity of it, giving them anywhere from eight to twelve



days more than the area around it, it is going to be virtually impossible to catch a man in the general vicinity of the hunting club with a doe deer to make a case if he says he got that deer on the hunting club area.

MR. WILLE: Michael, with the amendment that Mr. Yancey has made, they would not qualify unless they do define their boundary lines. With the amendment, they will not qualify for a doe season unless they do provide the boundary lines.

MR. HOGAN: I realize that, Mr. Wille, but if the man said he was within that boundary line and got that doe, the burden of proof falls upon us to prove that he got it in a closed area.

MR. WILLE: I understand that.

MR. HOGAN: The same is true of "B". Item "C" I see no problem whatsoever. It is giving a doe season in that area and it would create no enforcement problem.

"D," "E" and "F" where you are cancelling a doe season or cancelling any type of season, where it has already been published in the pamphlet and the hunter is carrying one in his pocket, it is



pretty hard to make a case. It is pretty hard to get a district attorney to take the charges.

MR. BERRY: Colonel Hogan, maybe you ought to take a look at "A" and "B" again and look at that not as a problem but as a challenge for you and your department to get out and enforce the law on that area. In my business, I don't look at problems; I look at challenges.

MR. HOGAN: We are not going to have any problem with the boundaries. When I say "we," I am talking about the agents in the field. You get the agents in Pointe Coupee Parish and ask them what the boundary of the Bucks Hunting Club is, and they can tell you. I am talking about the average hunter himself.

Getting down to Items "G," "H" and "I," where you are extending the buck season for seven days on game management areas, I see no problem whatsoever. In the first place, the game management area boundaries are well established and there is no question in anybody's mind where they are at, and you are just extending the season and you are not catching a man offguard with a rule in his



pocket saying he can and then again you say you can't. In this case, you are giving more time and it would create no enforcement problem whatsoever.

MR. BERRY: Thank you, Colonel Hogan.

MR. HOGAN: Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, before Joe goes ahead, this will bring out some extra work and by executive order, I request that our staff notify each of these private clubs of the things that have been passed here today, so that they would not be discriminated against and can be given every opportunity to furnish information in accordance with Mr. Yancey's request, and also to decide if they care for a turkey season as such on their area.

Those who do not have and have not stocked, then I believe would start stocking and start increasing hunter opportunity. Of course, those who have stocked, and if Mr. Wille cares to amend this, for the past five years, would qualify and would furnish more hunter opportunity, and it does not go any more against my belief in this little pamphlet once it is published than increasing or decreasing of these regulations that are already



in there and I insist on it being done that way. I can be and don't mind at all being defeated by a vote of the membership.

Now, let's go, Joe.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, has it been stated that the hunting clubs will furnish the Commission --

THE CHAIRMAN: Correct.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: -- the boundaries of their hunting clubs? This has to be within two days, five days, one day, ten minutes before opening of that season so we can put out the proper press release and notify the people. If we are not stating when, it could be next year, and the season is going to be over by that time.

MR. BERRY: We are going to leave that to your discretion, whether the Director thinks five days or eight days would be a reasonable time, seven days.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: That would be part of the amendment that within seven days prior to the opening of the season, they will furnish us with a description of their boundaries.



MR. HERRING: Seven days from this date. I mean it should be now, immediately.

MR. BERRY: How about seven days from the time you notify them?

THE CHAIRMAN: Seven days from this date will not give you time enough to notify them and then time enough to get the letter back with the proper mailing, so we are going to have to be fair with these people and give them a proper time. I would say seven days before the opening of the season would be fair.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Clay, I think if you gave them seven days from the time they were notified by certified mail that it would be sufficient time.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Yes. They have to notify us seven days prior to the opening of the season of their boundary description.

THE CHAIRMAN: We must give them time with a letter to get that back to you.

MR. YANCEY: We can call them by telephone. See, we have to put a news release out on this and the sooner we put it out, the better off we will be. Waiting until seven days before the



season opens doesn't give you enough time. They are making this request; you are doing them a favor by opening this season.

MR. BERRY: Say seven days after notification to them, Dick. You can notify them today and seven days would be in time.

MR. YANCEY: If they can give us this by next Tuesday or Wednesday, I see no difficulty at all. They certainly have leases showing the outline and land description of the land.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to ask this question. You do have a list of all your private clubs, do you not?

MR. HERRING: No, sir.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: What I am trying to avoid is the night before the opening of the season, somebody is going to run in, "Look, this is a little map of my hunting area and put out the necessary news release and notify the public that the season is open here." I don't want this to happen. I want to be able to treat these people a little bit prior --

MR. YANCEY: The sooner we get their



description, the better off they are going to be and we are going to be to get the thing working.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are going to make this a public notice in the papers so that those people who have bona fide private clubs may --

MR. BERRY: Dick, would ten days from now give you any problem?

MR. YANCEY: No, that would be all right.

MR. BERRY: Let's make it ten days from now. Ten days from now will give them time to get notification of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., but I want to be certain that we don't discriminate. Let's be fair and honest with this thing, and let's let all clubs know by some means or other, either by telephone, letter or public release.

MR. YANCEY: Well, this action applies to Items "A" and "B" here.

THE CHAIRMAN: No, this applies to all of them.

MR. WILLE: We haven't voted on the rest of them yet.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K. I am hoping my



turkey amendment will go through also and I am very much interested that they be notified. That is what I am getting at. Well, we will take that up when we get to it. O. K., go ahead, Joe.

MR. HERRING: O. K., "C" would not be covered under that. That would be open, right?

O. K., the next one then is we have had three requests to stop the doe season in certain areas. I will just run through these real quick. One is from the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury to cancel the doe season in the upper loop of the parish. In checking with our district personnel, our original recommendation should stand on that and we would go ahead and recommend that we leave the season as is.

The second request was from Mr. R. E. Nelson, Baton Rouge, Raccourci Island Hunting Club, requesting that the doe season be cancelled as set on Raccourci Island in West Feliciana Parish. The season was the first five days of each segment, of which we have already had one, and they wish to cancel on the second part. We would recommend that the season on that continue as set.



The next one is the Winn Parish Police Jury recommending that the doe season as set, on December 21, 1974, be cancelled, and we would recommend that it continue to have the season as set.

Those are the three requests we have had in for cancellation of seasons. As we said, it would be an enforcement problem, and in checking these areas and setting the seasons to start with, they were justified in having a season at that time, so we would recommend that the seasons continue as set.

MR. BERRY: I call for a motion to continue as set.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to continue these seasons, "D," "E" and "F" as set. It has been moved by Mr. Berry. Do I have a second?

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wille. Is there any discussion? Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

MR. DUPUY: No.



THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it. So ordered.

(The full text of the resolutions is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, a request has been received from the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury to cancel the any sex deer season for the Upper Loop of that Parish, and

WHEREAS, District VI personnel have been contacted and recommend that the season be left as set,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that upon the recommendations of our technical staff that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will continue with the any sex deer season as set for December 21-25, 1974.

WHEREAS, Mr. R. E. Nelson, Baton Rouge, of the Raccourci Island Hunting Club has requested that the



any sex deer season be cancelled as set for Raccourci Island, West Feliciana Parish, and

WHEREAS, our technical staff has recommended to the Commission that the any sex season as set be continued,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the any sex deer season as set for December 21-25 on Raccourci Island, West Feliciana Parish remain.

WHEREAS, the Winn Parish Police July has recommended that the doe season as set for that parish on December 21, 1974 be cancelled, and

WHEREAS the technical staff has recommended that we continue with the any sex season as scheduled,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission continue with the any sex deer season for Winn Parish as scheduled for December 21, 1974.



MR. HERRING: The next item then is to extend the buck season on three of the wildlife management areas. It has been requested that we extend the buck season on Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, the Red River Wildlife Management Area and Concordia Parish Wildlife Management Area. This would extend it for seven days. Instead of closing on January 5, it would go to January 12, 1975. One of the reasons we had set a shorter season, we did have a longer season prior to the flood, but now then after the flood we closed it down last year or restricted it pretty much. We did the same thing in setting the seasons earlier this year. We feel like now we can have a longer season on it at this time.

MR. WILLE: I move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. You have heard the recommendation. You are recommending that on "G," "H" and "I"?

MR. HERRING: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I have a motion?

MR. WILLE: I move.

MR. BERRY: Second.



THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille, seconded by Mr. Berry. Is there any discussion? No discussion, we are ready for the vote. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

MR. DUPUY: No. Mr. Chairman, I don't know if you recorded a no vote for me, but I would like to be consistent on all of them with a no vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let the record show that Mr. Dupuy has voted no on all items of 26. O. K.

(The full text of the resolution is here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, it has been requested that the buck season on our Three Rivers, Red River and Concordia Parish Wildlife Management Areas be extended an additional seven days, and

WHEREAS, our technical staff has concurred that such an extension would not affect deer herds which would provide



additional recreation for the sportsmen,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the buckonly season for Three
Rivers, Red River and Concordia Parish
Wildlife Management Areas be extended
an additional seven days which would be
from January 5-January 12, 1975 by season
permit.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., we are ready for
"J".

MR. HERRING: Is that my part then, Mr.
Chairman? (Laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. You should discuss
it.

MR. HERRING: O. K., Mr. Chairman. There
has been a request then that all private clubs in
Louisiana be given a turkey season in 1975. I
would like to make the Commission aware that all
clubs that we have stocked, they sign a lease
agreement with the Commission for a period of ten
years. During this period of ten years, we have
a trapping right agreement on these clubs that
gives us the right to go in and trap turkeys to



stock other areas. This has been our only source of supply, maybe not our only source but one of our major sources of supply, to try to get them off of areas that we have stocked previously.

If we would take it as recommended, areas that we stocked, say, last year, if they have a season, they have not had an opportunity to build up a population where we could trap. Areas that we stock this year, which we will be stocking, well, we stocked some in 1974 here, say October, and then we will be stocking some in February of this coming season, so if we would open up these areas, we are just putting turkeys in and then opening up a season on these.

There should be some guidelines set up on it to show that these areas should have certain types of populations built up, possibly before we have any season to open on it, mainly because this is a stock of turkeys and these birds are very expensive if we had to buy them. A lot of states pay as much as \$300 for one bird. We are trying to do the same things with our turkey population that we have done with deer. We feel like in a



few years we will have turkey hunting over most of the state with the present plans that we have, the same as we did with deer twenty years ago.

MR. BERRY: Joe, excuse me for asking this. You say some states pay as high as \$300. I hope the answer is no when I ask you if we have ever paid that kind of price for a turkey.

MR. HERRING: No, sir, we haven't, and I hope we don't have to. Some states are willing to do it because a wild turkey -- now you can get pen-raised wild birds at a cheap price but they are no good, they will not do. This would be birds trapped in the wild and put out in the wild area. They are a very valuable bird. They are hard to come by. We have been very lucky in getting some out of Mississippi to stock in our state. We have been extremely lucky in getting them from Arkansas. We have received a few from Alabama on some type of exchange basis. These are very valuable birds and this is one of our sources of supply, from these club areas.

THE CHAIRMAN: There are some questions. I recognize Mr. Yancey, but I want to ask Joe a



question first, Mr. Yancey, before you speak.

You are telling me, and I did not know this as a Commission member, that we are taking public property and putting them on private property. Is that what you are telling me? That we buy birds and put them on private property?

MR. HERRING: No, we haven't bought any birds. We are trapping birds. We trap them off the areas. Yes, sir, we do. We stock fish in private fish ponds. We have stocked deer. This has been for years and years, stocking deer. This is what has built up our populations by putting them on private lands.

THE CHAIRMAN: Has this been common knowledge to all the Board members?

MR. HERRING: Well, gosh, I hope so. We have been doing it for years and years. I mean this is something that has been going on since, you know, our trapping project started on deer in the mid-40's.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, one other question.

MR. HERRING: And stocking fish ponds has been it.



THE CHAIRMAN: One other question. Does the trapping of these birds from our game management areas deprive hunters of hunter opportunities since we deplete the herd all the way through for the stocking of private clubs?

MR. HERRING: No, sir, for the simple reason we have, say, on our Georgia Pacific Area, we have trapped quite a few birds off it, it has built up a very good population up there. We are not trapping too heavy on gobblers and the season is open on it for gobblers there. We are trapping heavily on the hens of that area.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: I would just like to make a suggestion. We have acted on these deer season requests now because we are in the middle of the deer season, but the turkey season won't start until late in March. In view of your feelings that we may have left out some areas that should be open to the turkey season, perhaps we could get out the word to these clubs and these other people that are interested in turkey hunting, and if they have an area that they would like to have opened in



March, we have ample time to do that and we could send a man in and look at the turkey population, talk to the people. If we have omitted an area from an open season that we should have opened, then we would have ample time to open the season prior to late March. We could do that at the January or the February meeting, and I think from what you are saying possibly we have not set turkey seasons in areas that we should have. We would have ample time to do this at either the January or the February meeting and put out the word now that if anyone has any areas that they would like to have opened, then we could do this at one of the forthcoming meetings prior to the March start of the turkey season.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, I like that. I think that is good. My amendment was not intended to open this statewide. It was not intended to open it in areas in which we would be putting a burden on these people, but there are clubs that I do know of that would love to have a turkey season who have not raised them and --

MR. YANCEY: You are probably right.



THE CHAIRMAN: -- do have a tremendous population. Now, my amendment really read those people who were interested in a turkey season, really, but it would be offered to all of the clubs to prove that they were ready for it, and we should have it and we have not moved as fast as we should, even on some of the game management areas. Unless this thing is changed, we are not going to be able to increase the herd because this man doesn't have enough people to police those areas and keep down poachers, and they will completely destroy what herds you do have.

MR. YANCEY: Well, as Mr. Berry pointed out, I don't think we should be totally inflexible in connection with these seasons. We set that turkey season a year in advance, and there are changes that are warranted. We had one of our district supervisors that didn't want to make a recommendation on a given area until after the flood waters of the Mississippi receded and he hadn't had an opportunity to check one particular area. Now I understand he is favoring opening of that particular area, because it did have a hatch



in there despite the high water. There are probably other areas that would want an opening, and we want to utilize these game populations and provide a maximum amount of hunting opportunity, and if there are some areas that we didn't open that we should have, then let's open them at the January or the February meeting, but we need to get some requests and recommendations in from the affected parties in this thing so we can go in and make surveys and determine whether it merits it or not.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Yancey, you heard what I said. I don't ever want this Commission to be in a position of being some kind of bureaucracy that is inflexible and incapable of meeting the demands of the people of the State of Louisiana and the needs for the wildlife improvement and whatever, and I will always be in a position that I am going to vote what I think is best for the most people.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, legally and correctly the amendment is open for an amendment, and I will be glad to concede to it, but I do want this to be handled according to parliamentary



procedure, so if someone will amend this motion, then I will concede to the amendment.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, first with a comment to Mr. Berry about being inflexible, I think this Commission has been consistently inconsistent, and that is the reason why I voted against the changing of the hunting regulations.

Now, with regard to Item "J," in view of the fact that we do need to have more information and in view of the fact that we do not know what hunting clubs may be interested and, as a matter of fact, we don't even know the names or identities of the areas of the different hunting clubs that may have turkeys available and we need more information with regard to that, I would like to move that we defer the creating of a turkey season on private hunting clubs at this time and give some more study to it for a decision in January.

MR. BERRY: I will second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I have no alternative. I have a motion by Mr. Dupuy. Mr. Dupuy, this will have to be as an amendment to the amendment. Do you want to state it as an amendment to



the amendment?

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Clay, I am not sure I understand you. All we did when we put this on the agenda was just amend the agenda to put it on. I don't know that there is any amendment that we need to amend.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I didn't understand it that way, but then your motion would have to be a motion to remove it from the agenda.

MR. DUPUY: Or to defer consideration of it at this time. That is all my motion was.

THE CHAIRMAN: I see your point. I am simply not arguing; I am simply trying to keep this thing in the proper procedure.

The motion is to defer consideration of a turkey season for private clubs until -- when?

MR. DUPUY: Until January.

THE CHAIRMAN: Until January. All right, I have a motion by Mr. Dupuy, a second by Mr. Berry. Is there any other discussion? Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.



(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: The ayes have it. So ordered.

Now, Mr. Yancey, we need your amendment.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

MR. YANCEY: The suggestion I would have to offer is that we have our game division take a look at the turkey seasons that have already been set and determine if there are some additional areas that should be opened in late March and that we contact the private clubs or the public or our game management area people or whatever and determine if they have any requests or recommendations that we should open some seasons that haven't been already established by the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, would you accept this? You also stated that we would need a definition of boundaries.

MR. YANCEY: And any areas that would be requested for opening, that they clearly specify the dates that the season would be opened, the description of the area to be opened, and what the season will be opened on, and presumably that would



would be gobblers only.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, I think we could control that, and truly I hope that we never go for anything but gobblers.

You have heard the amendment to Item 26. Is there any further discussion?

MR. DUPUY: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing none, those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

The ayes have it. So ordered.

Thank you, gentlemen. Thank you, Mr. Yancey. Thank you very much. I think this has been handled properly. Whenever you bring anything up at this date, it is always impossible almost to get a good motion or a good decision. This will give us a chance to give a good one and I appreciate it very much.

All right. Under Other Business, Mr. Buquet has been transferred up and Item 27 has been attended to. Item 28, Mr. Peter Duffy will handle



this.

MR. PETER DUFFY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, in its special session in October, adopted an Act which is commonly called the Commercial Shrimpers Loan Guarantee Program. In that Act the Legislature designated the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to administer the provisions of this loan guarantee plan.

The Act requires that we prepare and adopt regulations to administer the program and we are in the process now of doing just that. I have met with the Attorney General, Mr. Marvin Montgomery who is on his staff, and also a Mr. McGee, and through our efforts at a meeting we have drafted what we consider to be the basic regulations that will be used to implement this program.

It is going to be necessary that the Commission conduct a public hearing pursuant to the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act in order to adopt these regulations. Hopefully we will be in a position to do that during the December meeting. I am scheduled again to meet with the



Attorney General's office sometime the latter part of next week. At that time hopefully we will be in a position to finalize proposed regulations and then be in a position to have a public hearing to adopt final regulations for the implementation of this loan guarantee program.

The Act itself places a limitation on when this program is to be completed, that date being July of 1975. We have also been required by the Act to consult with the SBA and we are in the process now of meeting with a Mr. Frederick Burkhardt and also use their loan forms and other pertinent data, applications and contracts that they presently have in effect until their loan guarantee program with the financial institutions that will actually be loaning the money.

Under the program the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will be approving loans that will be guaranteed up to 90 percent, just as presently being effected I think by the SBA.

Unless there are any questions, that pretty much gives us the status on what we are doing as your legal staff in connection with this



Act that was adopted by the Legislature.

MR. DUPUY: Pete, you don't need anything from us, do you?

MR. DUFFY: No.

MR. DUPUY: We want to commend you for the work that you are doing. It is certainly something that is difficult to do and something that needs to be done.

THE CHAIRMAN: I want to thank you for bringing this information before the Board. This is one of the great needs we have, to be informed by you people who have the expert knowledge on these things, because we are not in a position to have this knowledge. Thank you again, Pete.

MR. STANEK: May I ask a question?

THE CHAIRMAN: Sure.

MR. RICHARD STANEK: Dick Stanek, Louisiana Wildlife Federation. I would like to ask Mr. Duffy a question. He mentioned that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission would be guaranteeing the loans. My understanding is that the State of Louisiana will be guaranteeing the loans, rather than the State.



MR. DUFFY: That is right. We are just administering the Act.

MR. STANEK: Thank you.

MR. DUFFY: We have neither the facilities or otherwise to guarantee the loans, but we do have the resource I think -- it is going to be at our expense, really, something that we are taking on.

MR. BERRY: Our credit is not that good!

MR. DUFFY: It is really the State. If I was misunderstood, I certainly want to clarify that. It is the State that is guaranteeing the loans.

THE CHAIRMAN: The State will guarantee 90 percent and the lending agency will guarantee the other ten percent, and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries will not use their money at all. Am I correct? None of our money will be used.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, while we are talking about this, I think there are some observations. We have already set, and I am in agreement with Mr. Duffy, because it was one of my recommendations to him in making this presenta-



tion, but we are now talking about two public hearings on December 17, one dealing with the guaranteed loan program and the other dealing with the rescinding of the limits of the size of the oysters, Mr. Buquet's recommendation. What I am saying to the Commission is, be ready for a pretty lengthy meeting on December 17, when you are talking about two public hearings and then having to take those things under consideration.

THE CHAIRMAN: We are going to give each speaker all the time he wants, providing it does not exceed two minutes. I am going to bring a gavel and a B-B gun.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: It may be a good idea at this time, you know, when we do set the time or think about it for the next few minutes, when you do set your December Commission meeting, maybe it should start earlier than ten o'clock.

MR. BERRY: Like nine o'clock?

THE CHAIRMAN: Nine o'clock.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Think about it when we get to Item 30. I think it merits some consideration.



THE CHAIRMAN: I have that power, and I thank you, too. O. K., we are ready for 29. I believe our Director will handle that.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, I talked to Mr. Adam Nunez this morning regarding the use of the Rockefeller -- the airstrip located on the Nunez property. His attitude was much different this morning than it was a week or ten days ago. He assured me this morning that if we could legally provide him a document that would hold the heirs of the Nunez property harmless, a harmless clause, that we would have no problem in securing a lease with that, as far as he is concerned in representing the heirs of the Nunez property.

So, Mr. Duffy, I think it may be necessary that you go through the Attorney General's office and see if we can provide that type of legal document and that also applies to the building that is located on the land on the west end. The attitude was much, much different, and I think we are in real good shape. I think it is just a matter of communicating and providing them this



type of assurance.

MR. YANCEY: Several days ago we asked our Board Member from Cameron to talk with Mr. Nunez and it sounds as if he had some luck. We really need that airstrip, and if Mr. Duffy can get us permission to send a letter to them, I think that will overcome the objections.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: And he recommends this in the form of a legal instrument to be recorded, which is something we do not have now, I think. We are just operating on a day-to-day basis, is that correct? We are operating on a day-to-day basis as far as the use of it.

MR. YANCEY: We are not using it at all now.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: No, I am talking about what you have done in the past. You have not had a lease; you have operated on a day-to-day basis. They are willing to provide us a lease if we can hold them harmless to any liability involved.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, Burt, do we have any type of insurance coverage that would in any way protect the Commission in the event of any



Commission employee using the strip and causing an accident, say, or something like that, causing damage to --

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I am not aware of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sure you have personal liability. You have personal liability and that covers any of our agents and any of our people. I think I am correct, but you will check that out.

MR. DUFFY: We will check that out.

MR. YANCEY: We have liability on all of our airplanes that would pay off the cost of just about any reasonable amount of damage one of our airplanes could cause to someone else.

THE CHAIRMAN: I read this somewhere and I know this is in your budget, but you also carry that on all of your equipment.

MR. YANCEY: All the airplanes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, but you also carry this, I believe, on the automobiles and other equipment.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Oh, we have that type of coverage.

MR. BERRY: Mr. Chairman, I would like to



get on down to 30. I have got to go to another meeting shortly.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are excused. Do we have any other business to bring before the Commission? Then if we do not, Item 30 sets the date for the next Commission meeting, which will be December 16 and 17, with the December 17 meeting starting at 9:00 a.m. promptly, to give the extra time needed.

I declare this meeting adjourned.

. . . . Thereupon, at 12:40
o'clock p.m., Tuesday, November 26,
1974, the regular monthly Board
meeting was adjourned. . . .

Kathryn G. Chamberlin,
Reporter.



